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## THE HEDGEHOG

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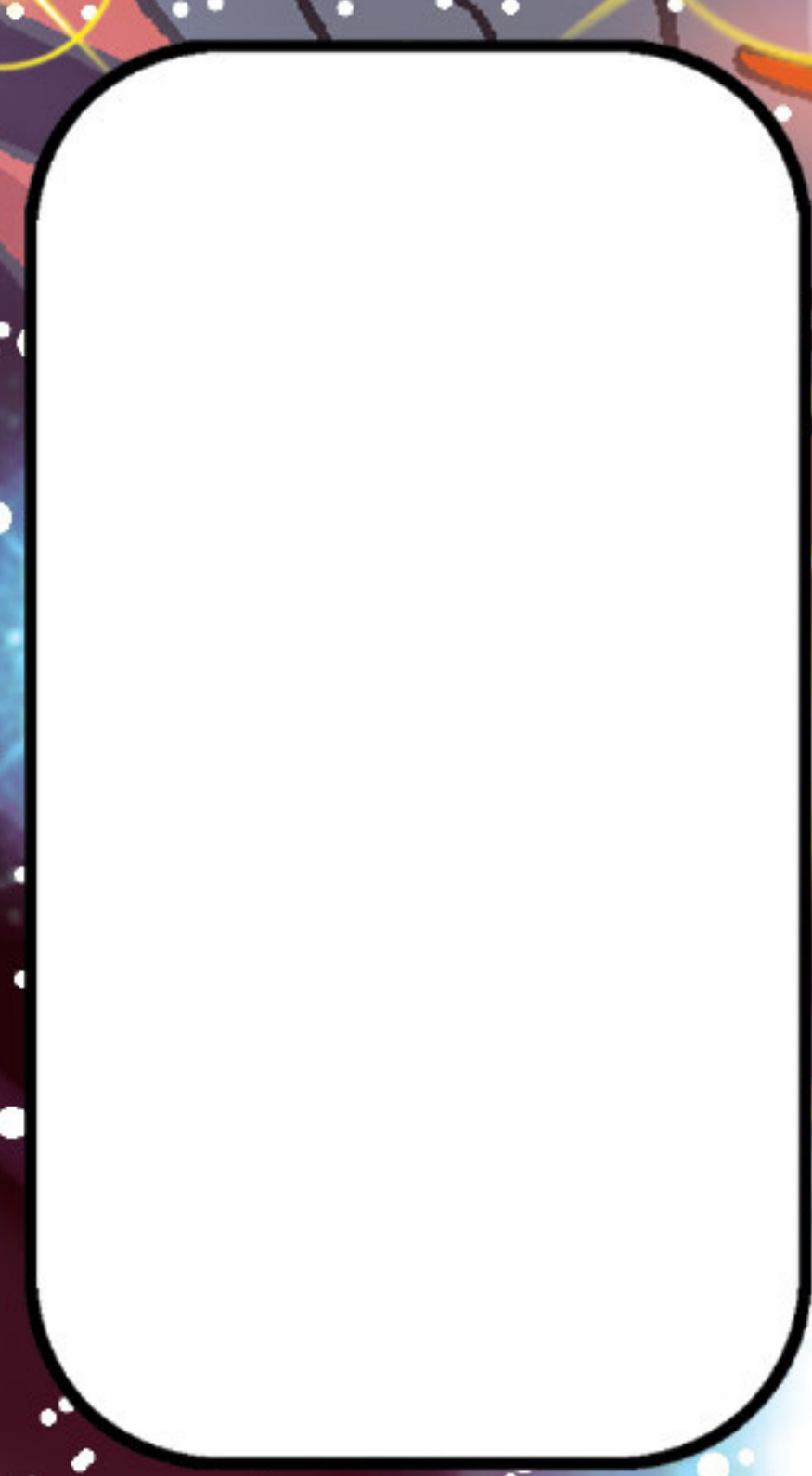
### BEGINS HERE!

FEATURING  
THE RETURN OF  
**SUPER  
SONIC!**



**PLUS:**

BEHIND THE  
SCENES MAYHEM  
IN AN EXTENDED  
"OFF-PANEL"  
BACK-UP!



SONIC  
KATIBERO  
GIDRAY

When the alien Xorda threatened all life on planet Mobius, Sonic the Hedgehog was forced to team up with his worst enemy, Doctor Robotnik! Though successful, they could not prevent the activation of the Quantum Dial, a weapon capable of wiping out the entire Mobian solar system. Only Sonic possessed the power to destroy the Dial, and although it was believed that the effort would cost him his life, he acted anyway, making a heroic sacrifice.

Now, his loved ones believe him dead, but in reality, Sonic has been propelled to a far and distant galaxy!



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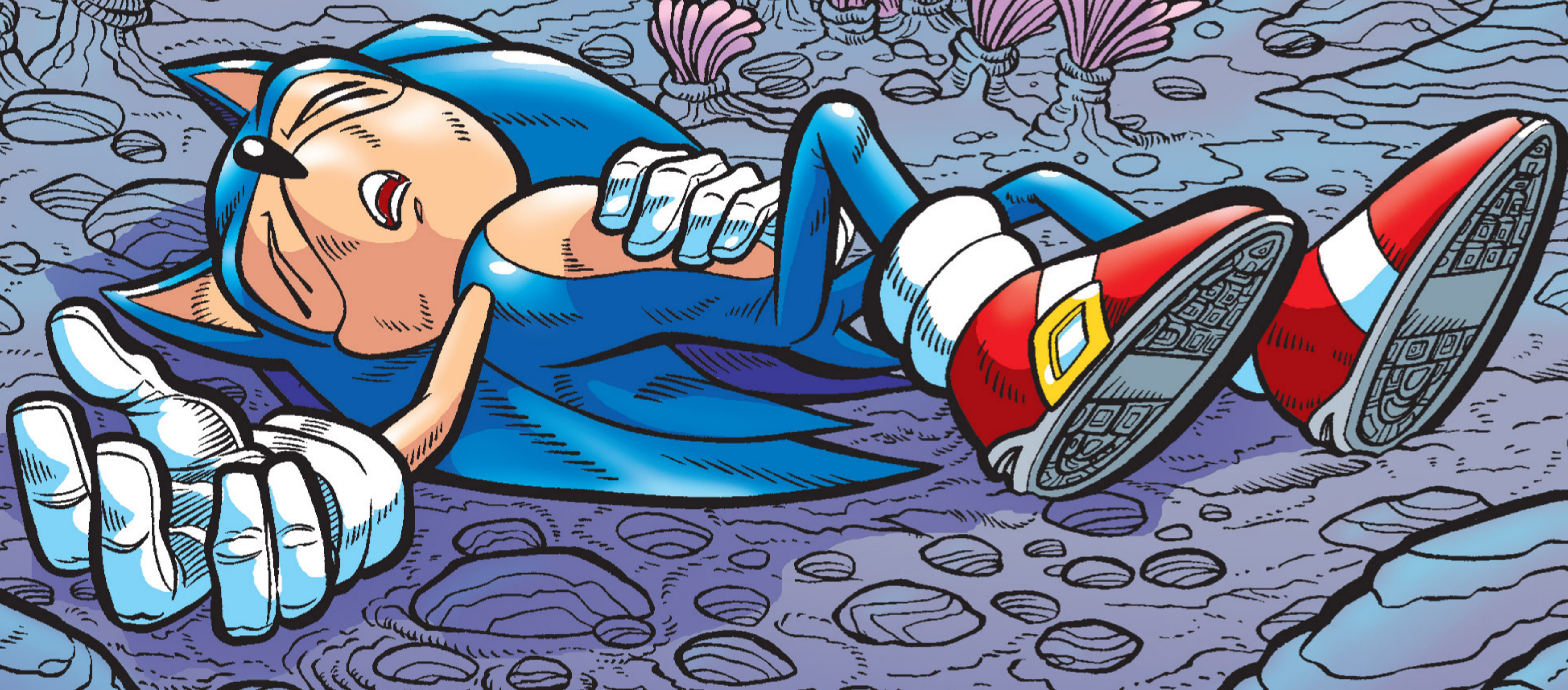
**"TOSSED IN SPACE"**

**PART ONE  
RED CHAOS**

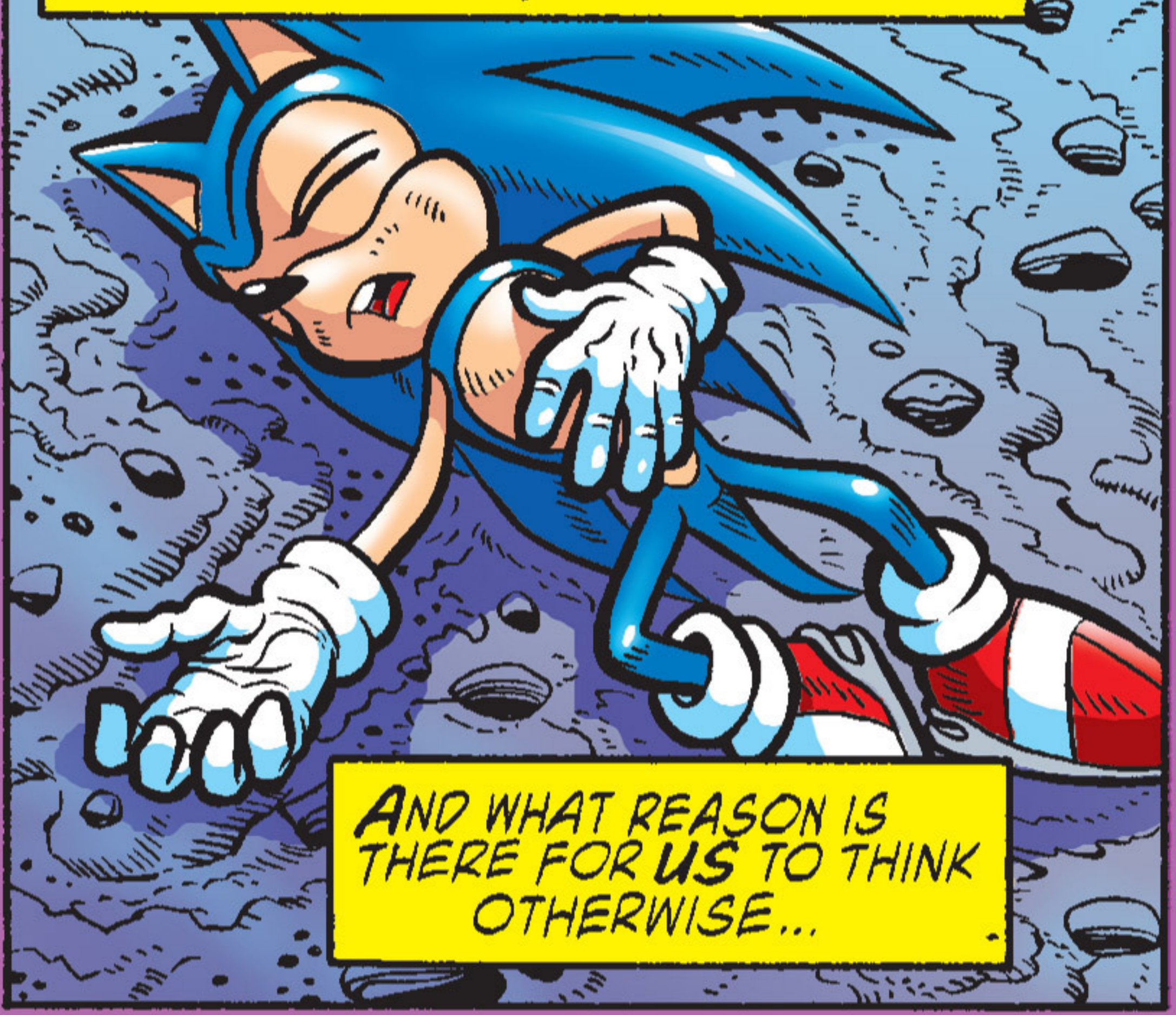
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**THE HEDGEHOG**

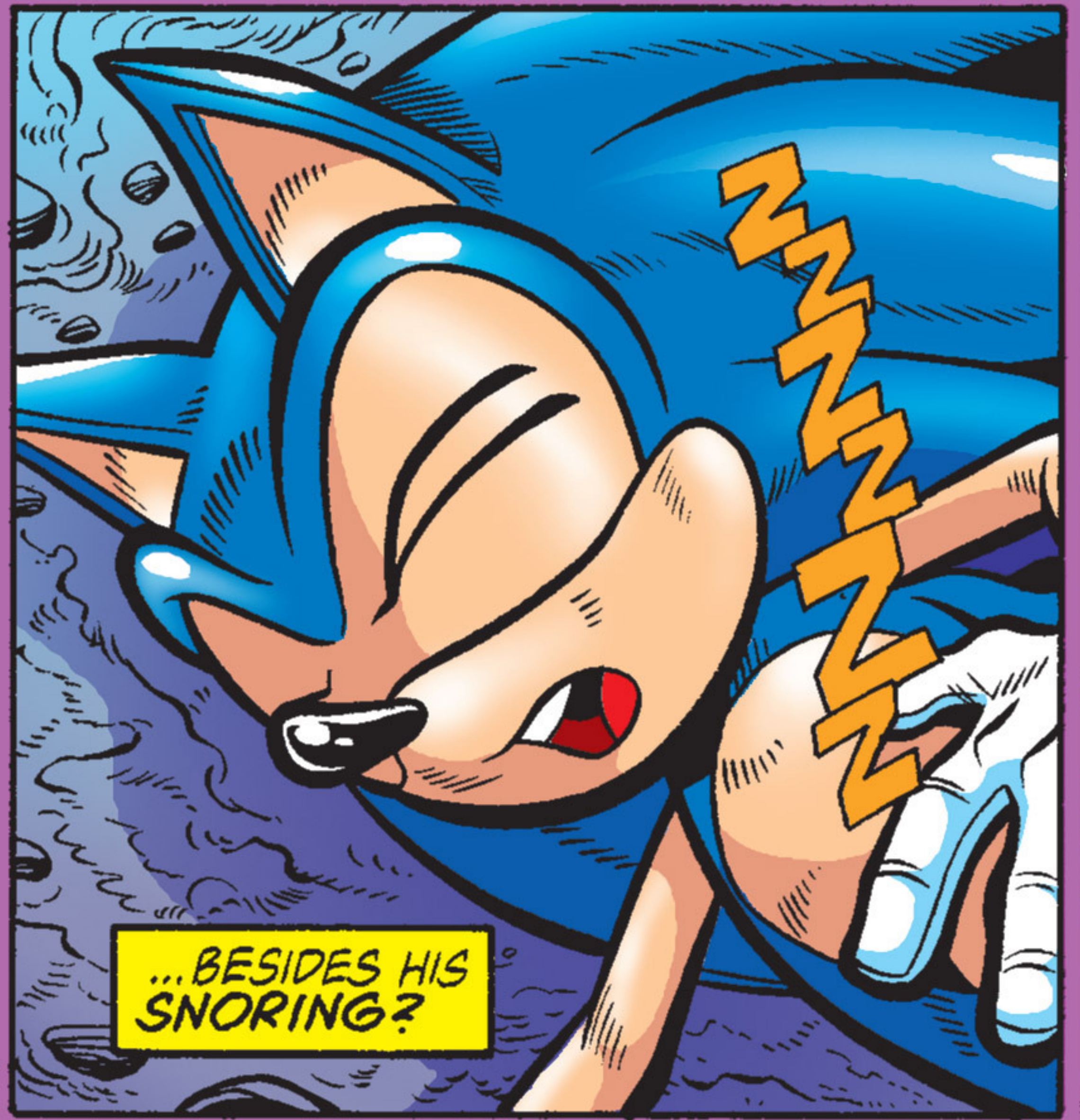
...LIES UNMOVING,  
ON THE SURFACE OF AN  
ALIEN PLANET.



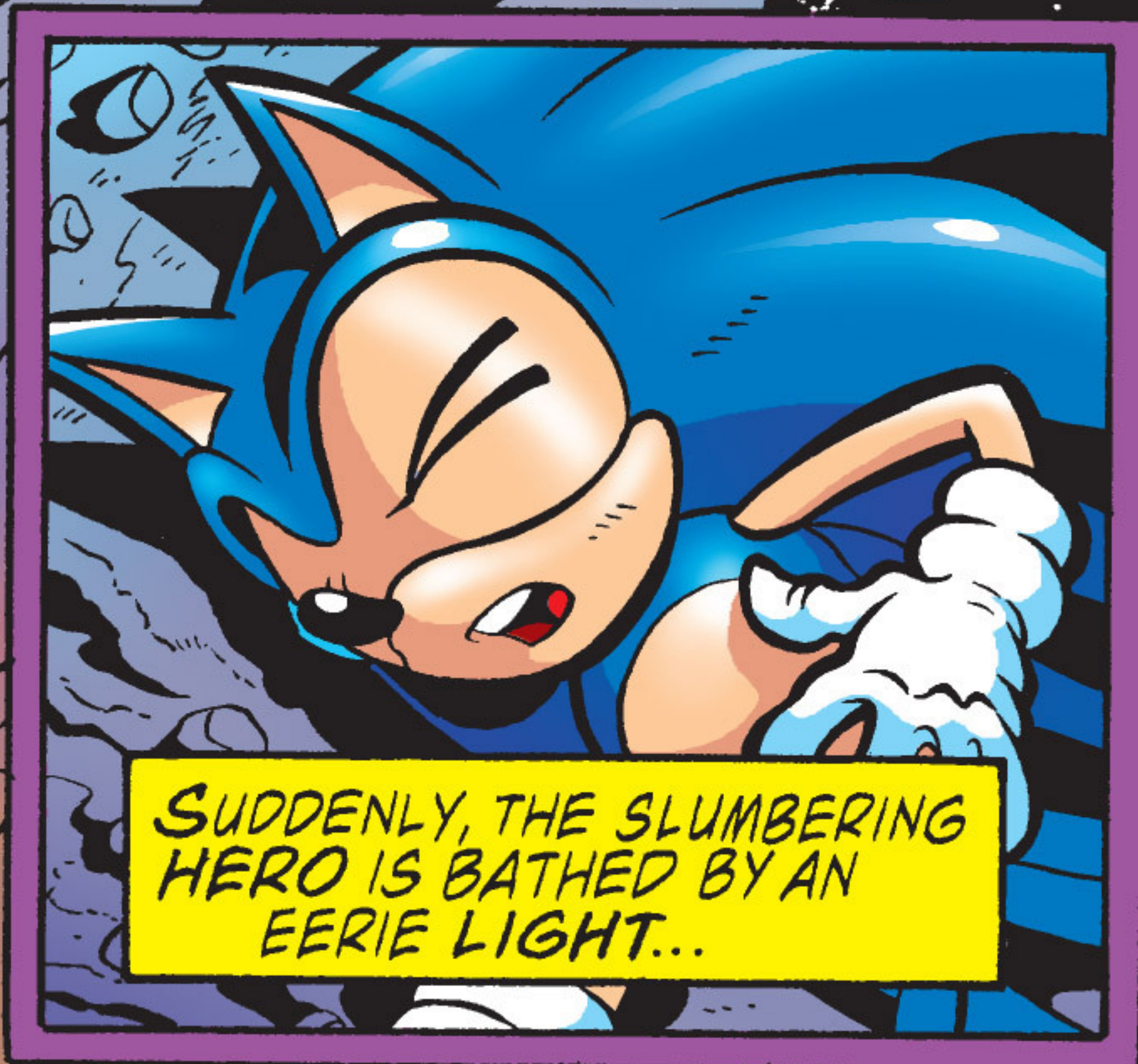
HIS LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS  
BILLIONS OF LIGHT YEARS AWAY ON  
HIS HOMEWORLD, MOBIUS, BELIEVE  
HIM DEAD.



AND WHAT REASON IS  
THERE FOR US TO THINK  
OTHERWISE...



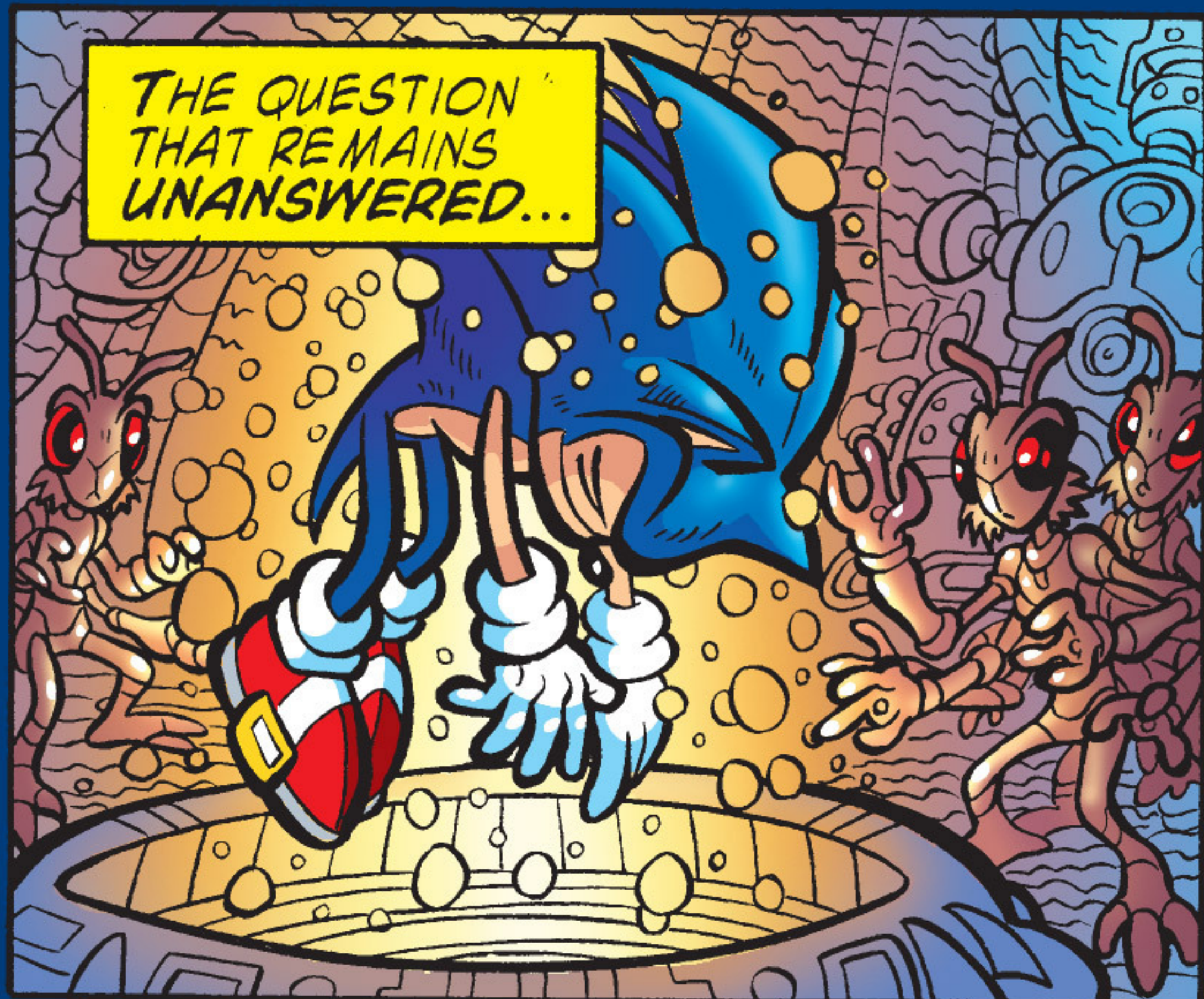
...BESIDES HIS  
SNORING?



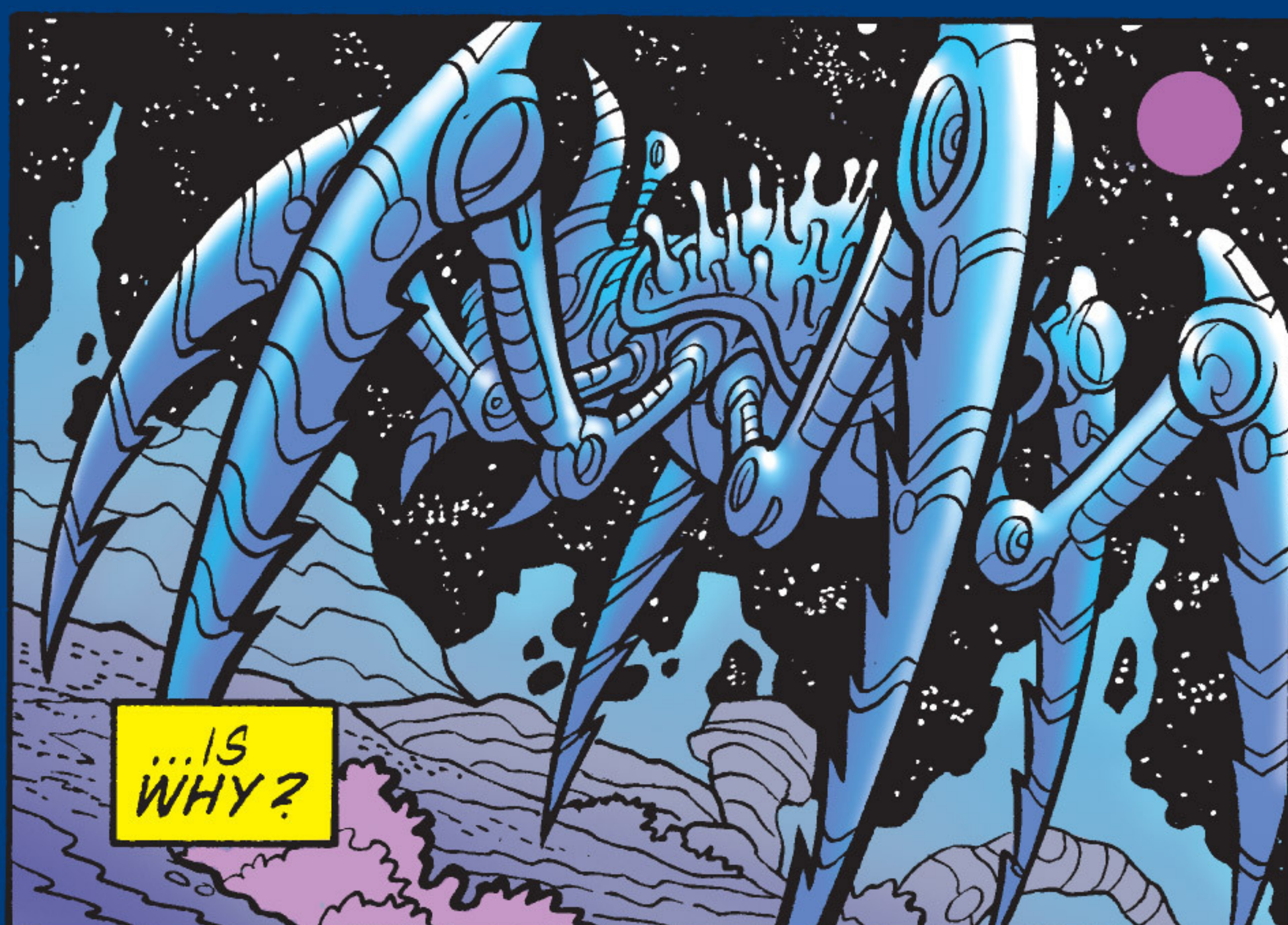
SUDDENLY, THE SLUMBERING HERO IS BATHED BY AN EERIE LIGHT...



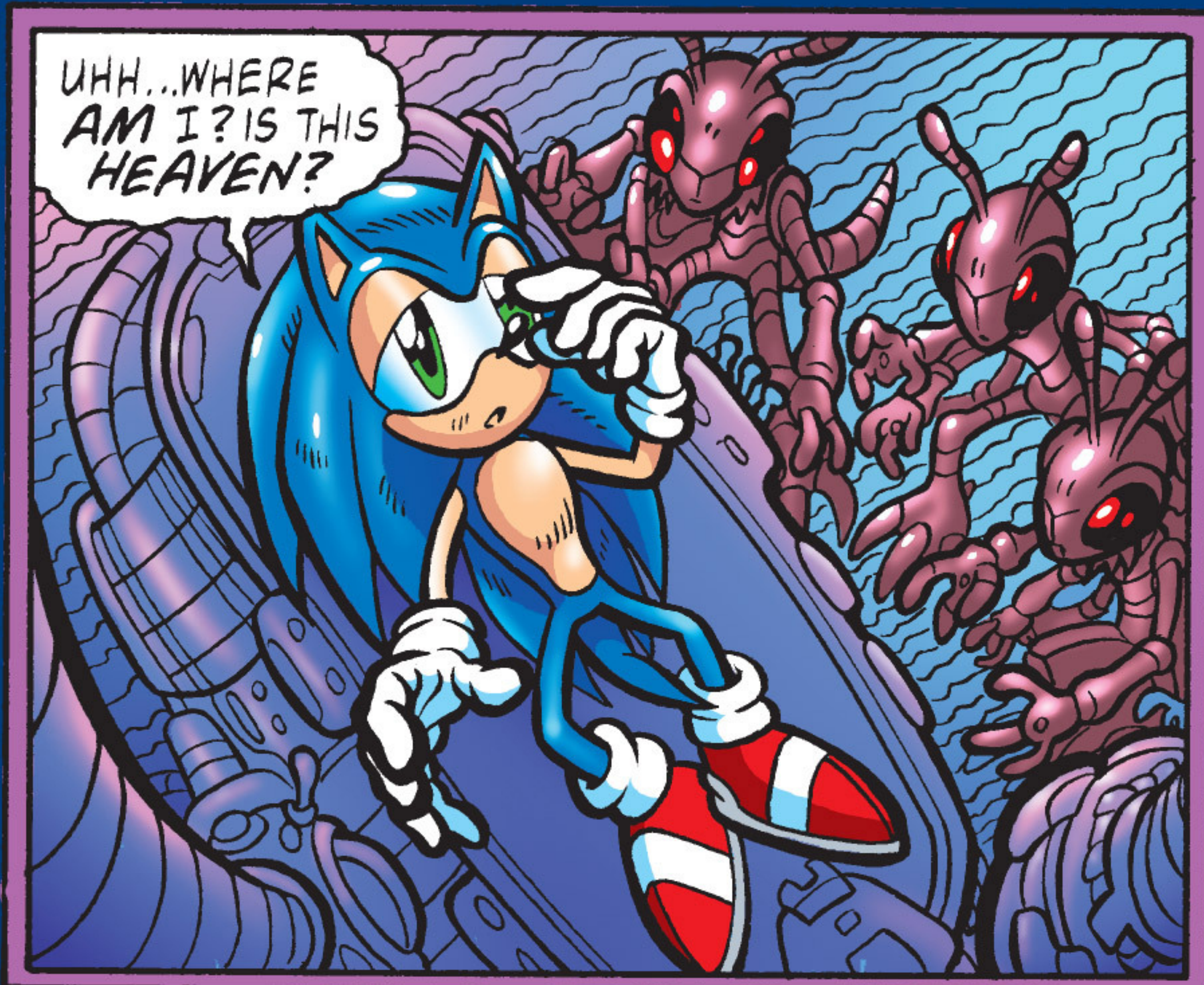
...AND SUCKED UP INTO THE MYSTERIOUS CONFINES OF A STRANGE VESSEL!



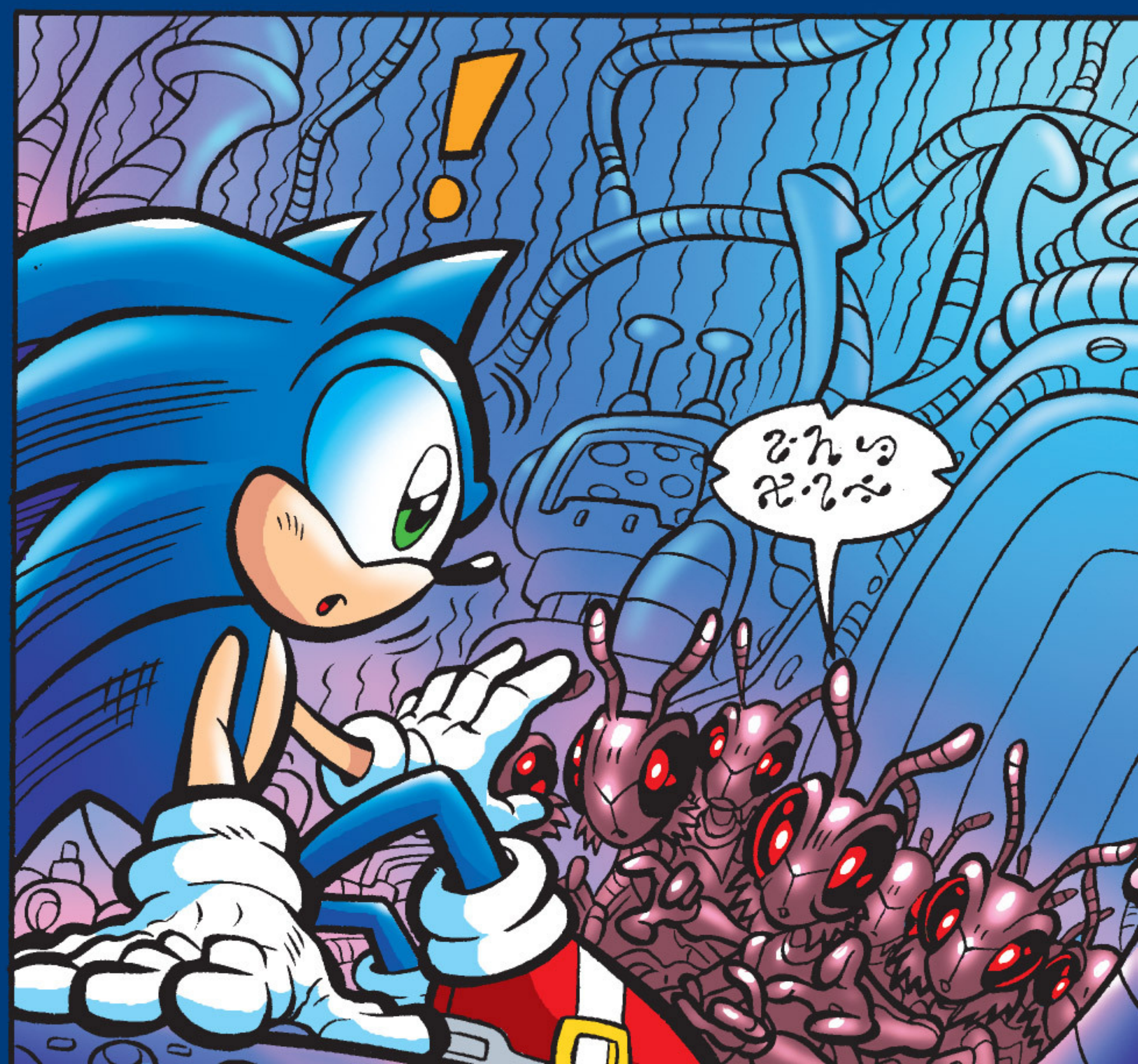
THE QUESTION THAT REMAINS UNANSWERED...



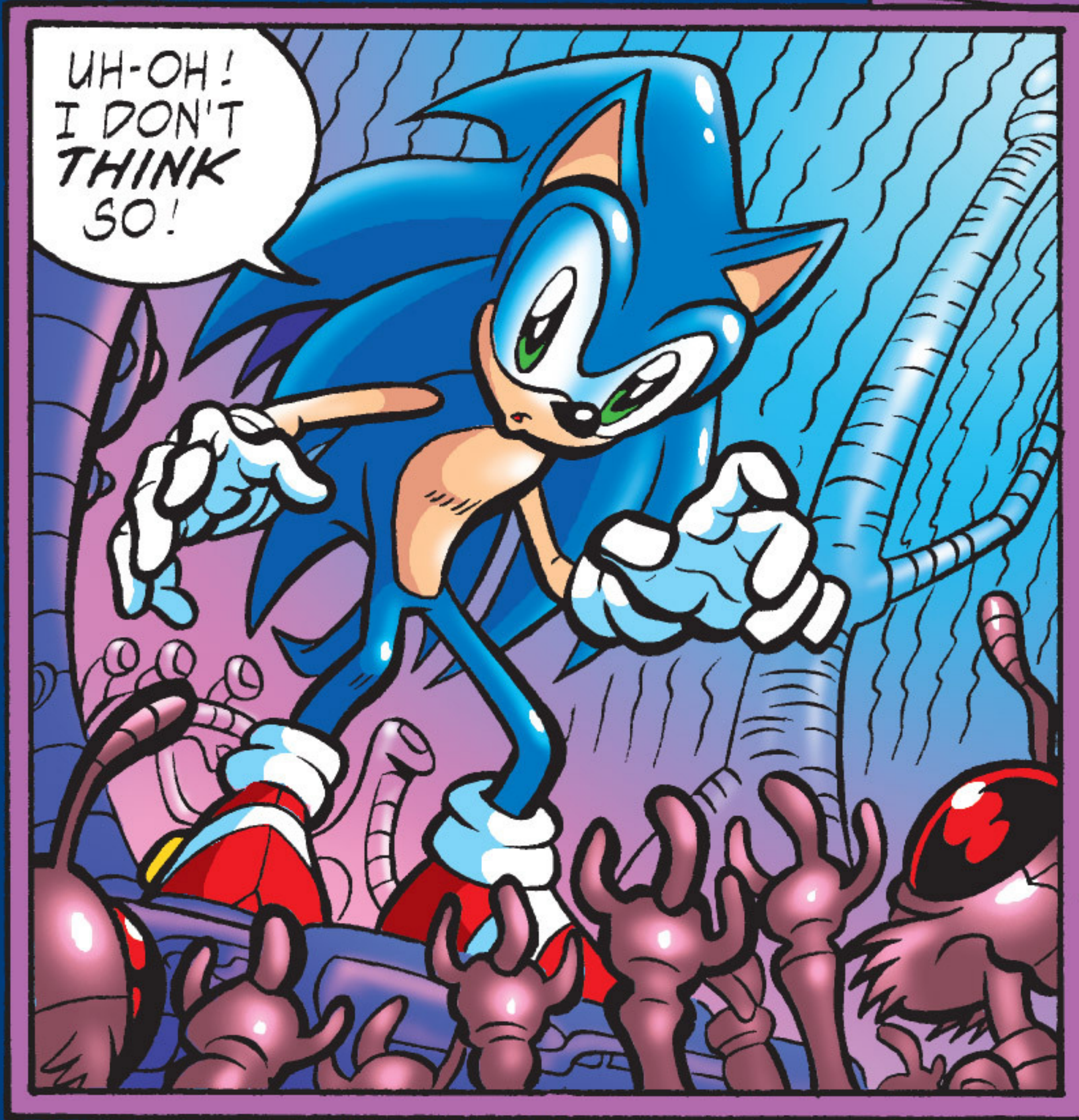
...IS WHY?



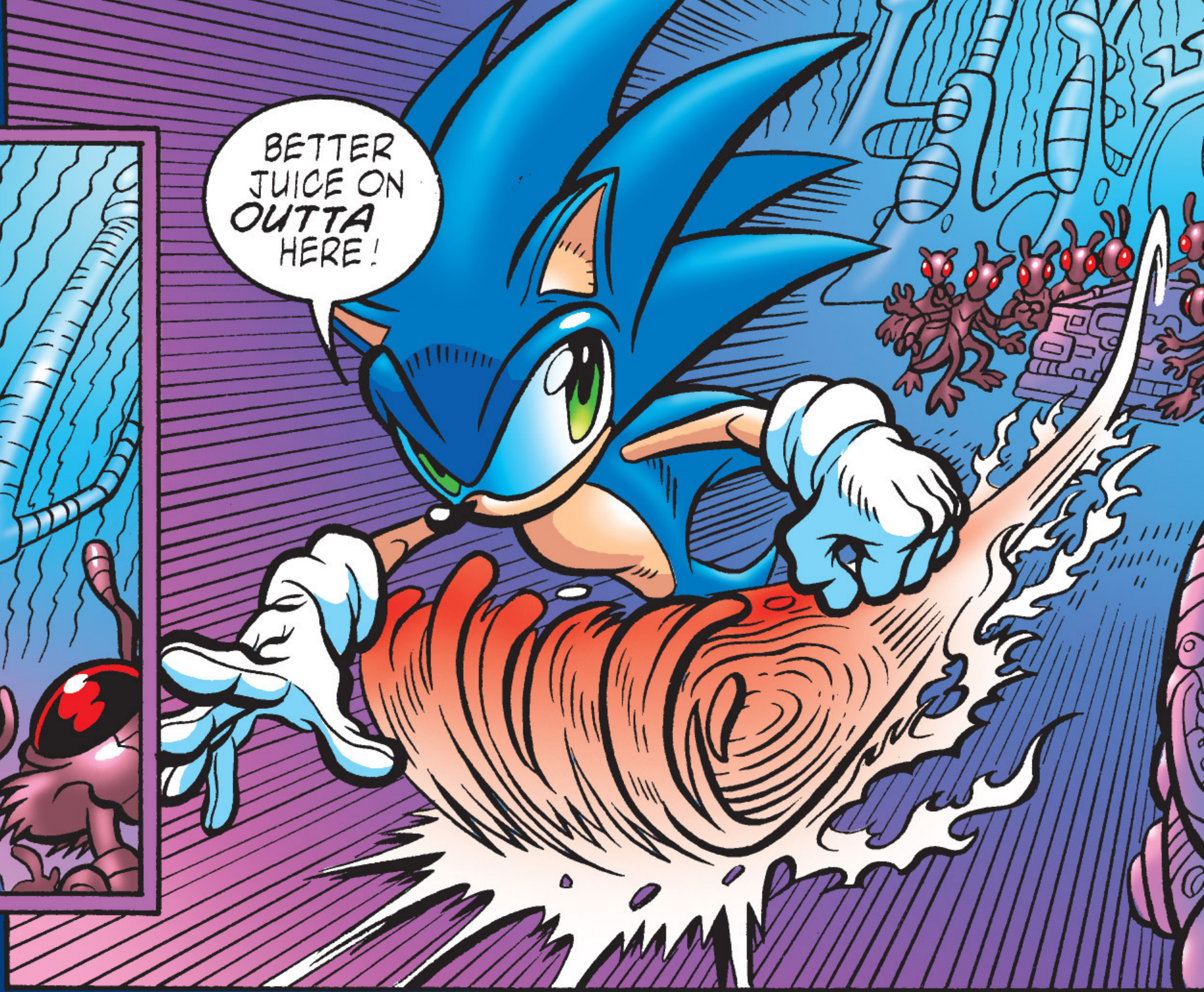
UHH...WHERE AM I? IS THIS HEAVEN?



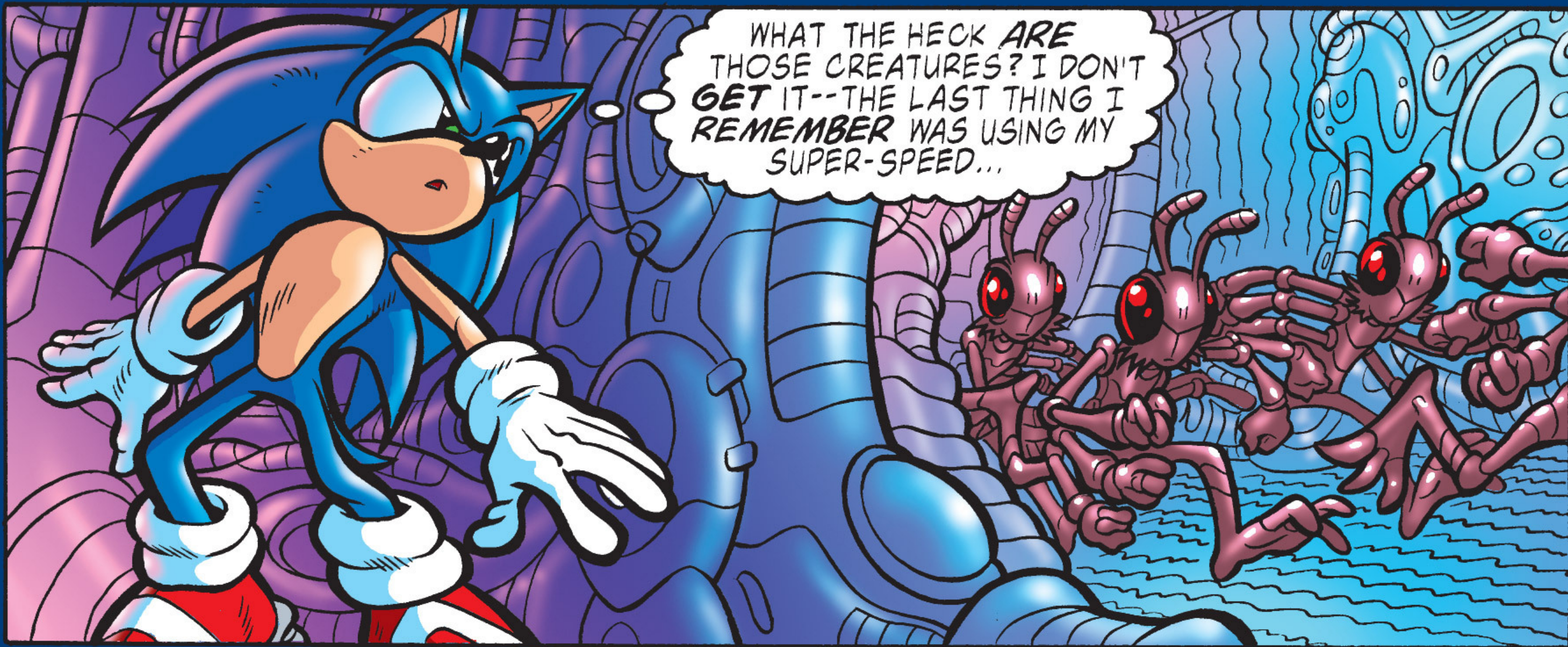
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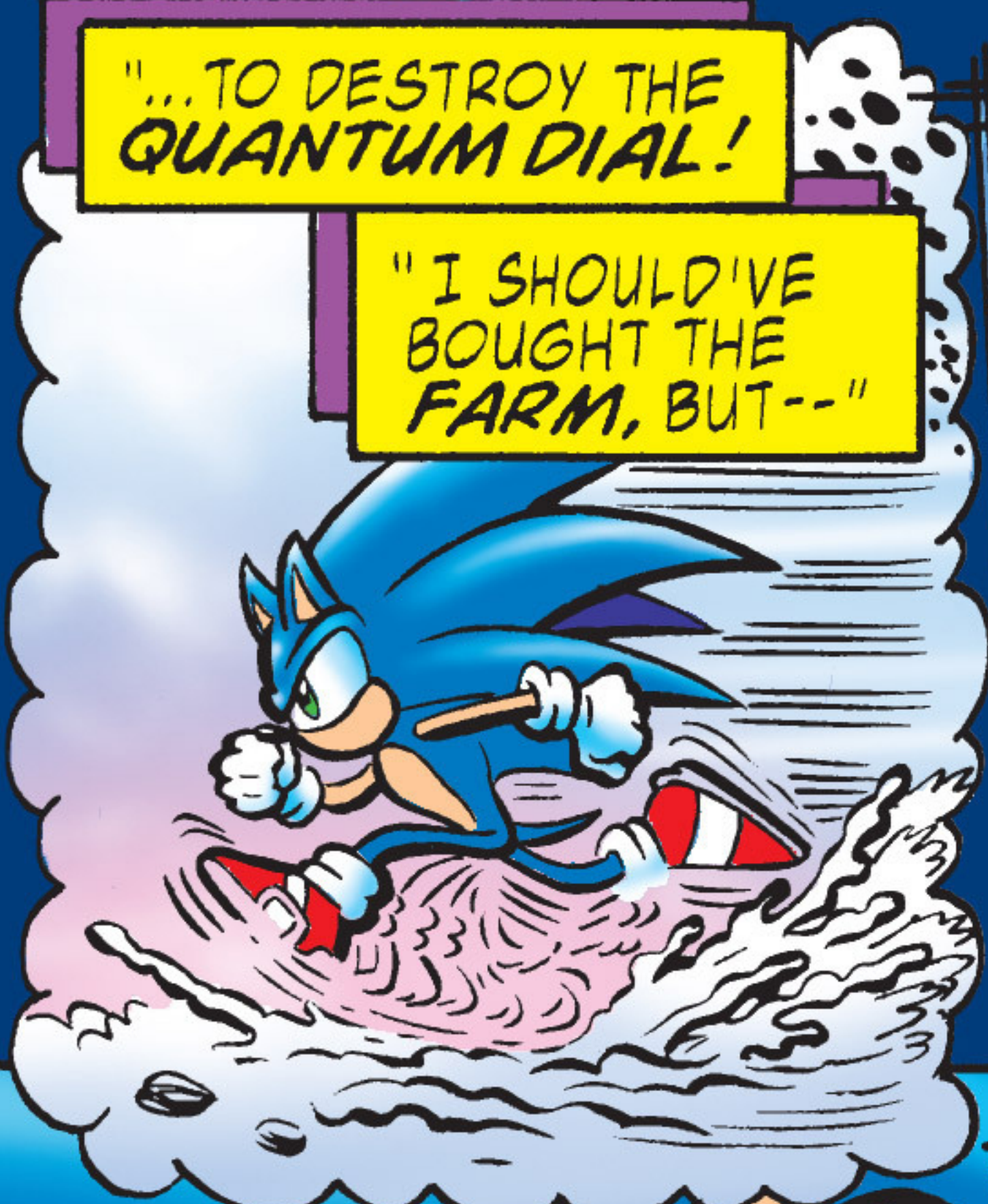
UH-OH!  
I DON'T  
THINK  
SO!



BETTER  
JUICE ON  
OUTTA  
HERE!

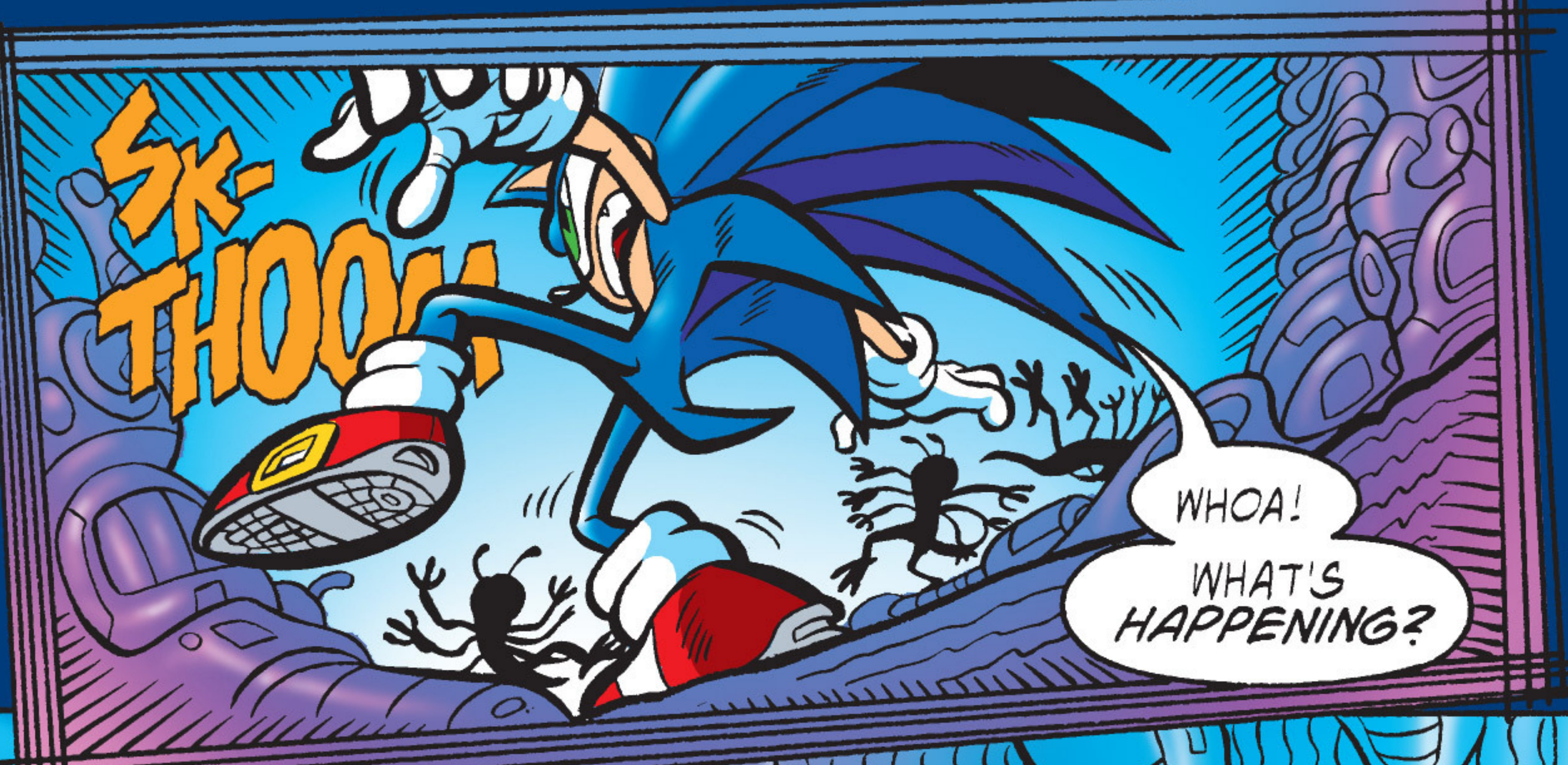


WHAT THE HECK ARE  
THOSE CREATURES? I DON'T  
GET IT--THE LAST THING I  
REMEMBER WAS USING MY  
SUPER-SPEED...



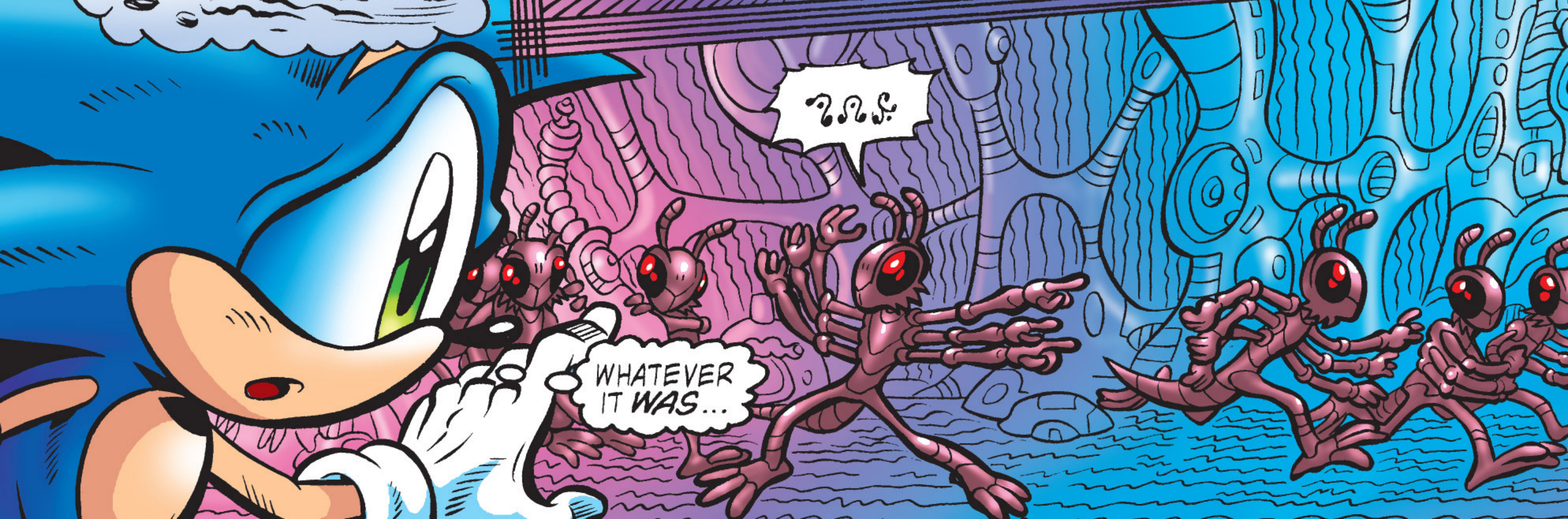
"...TO DESTROY THE  
QUANTUM DIAL!

"I SHOULD'VE  
BOUGHT THE  
FARM, BUT--"



SK-  
THOO!

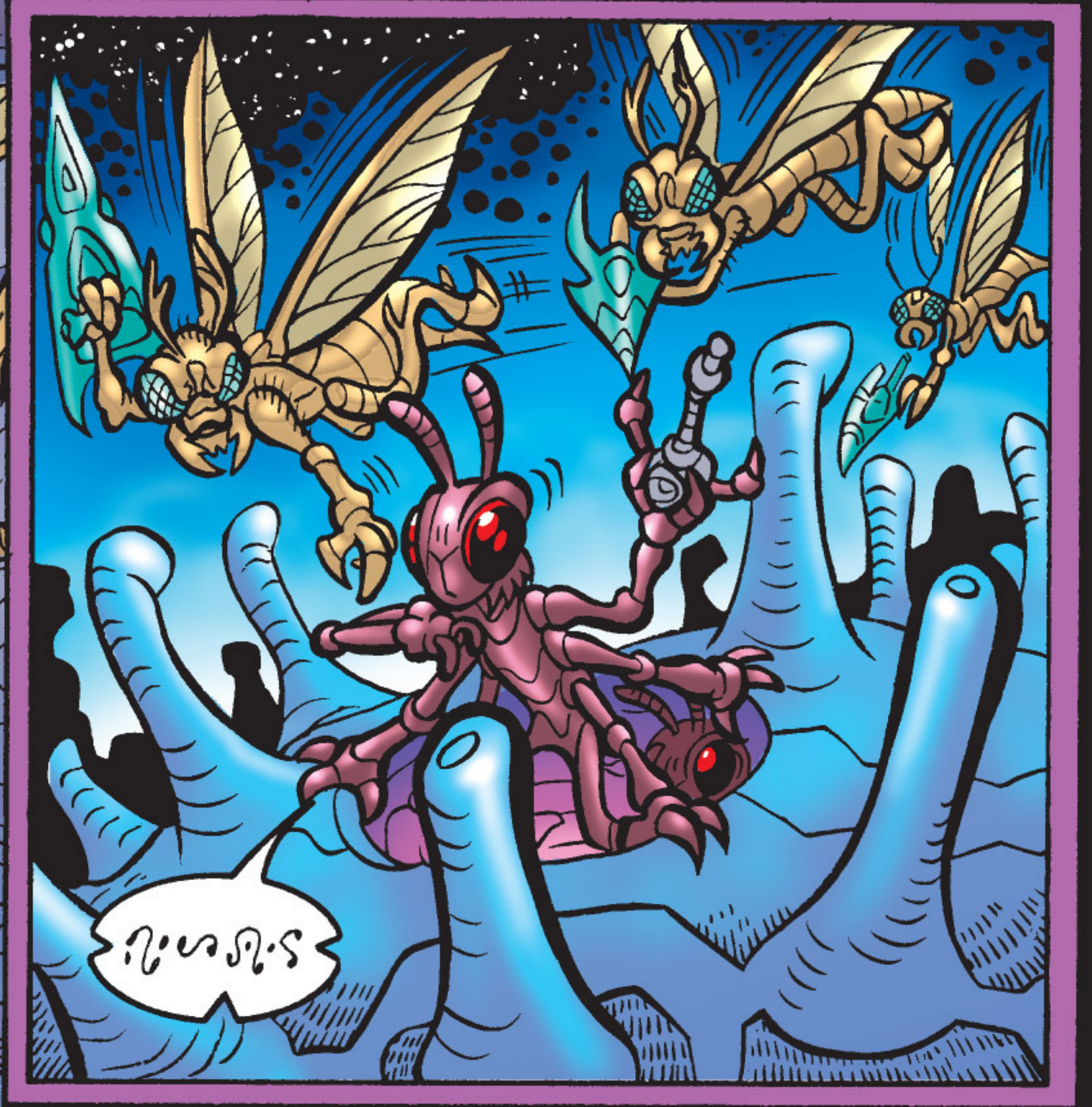
WHOA!  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?



???

WHATEVER  
IT WAS...

"... IS ENOUGH TO MAKE THOSE CREATURES FORGET ABOUT ME FOR THE MOMENT!"

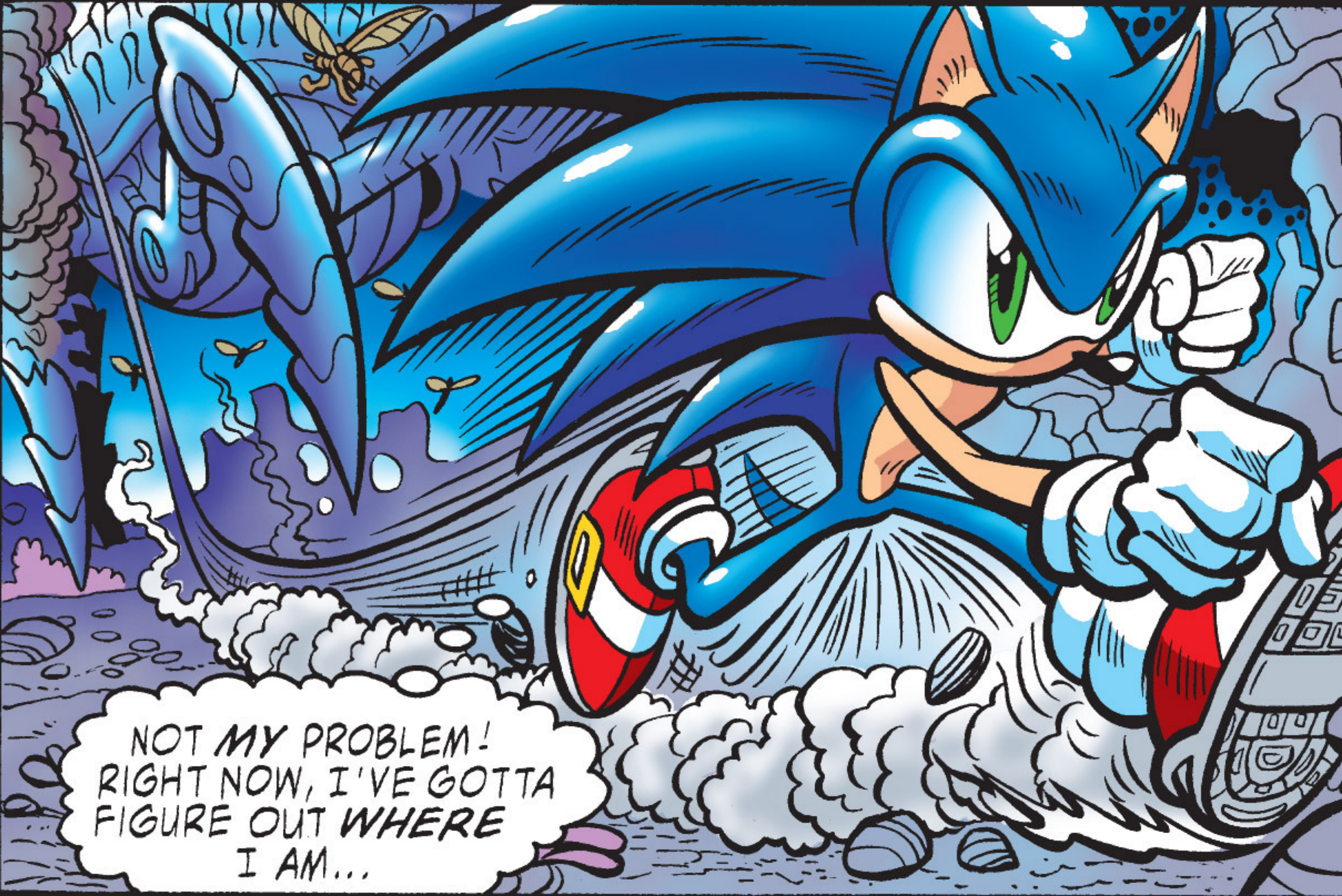


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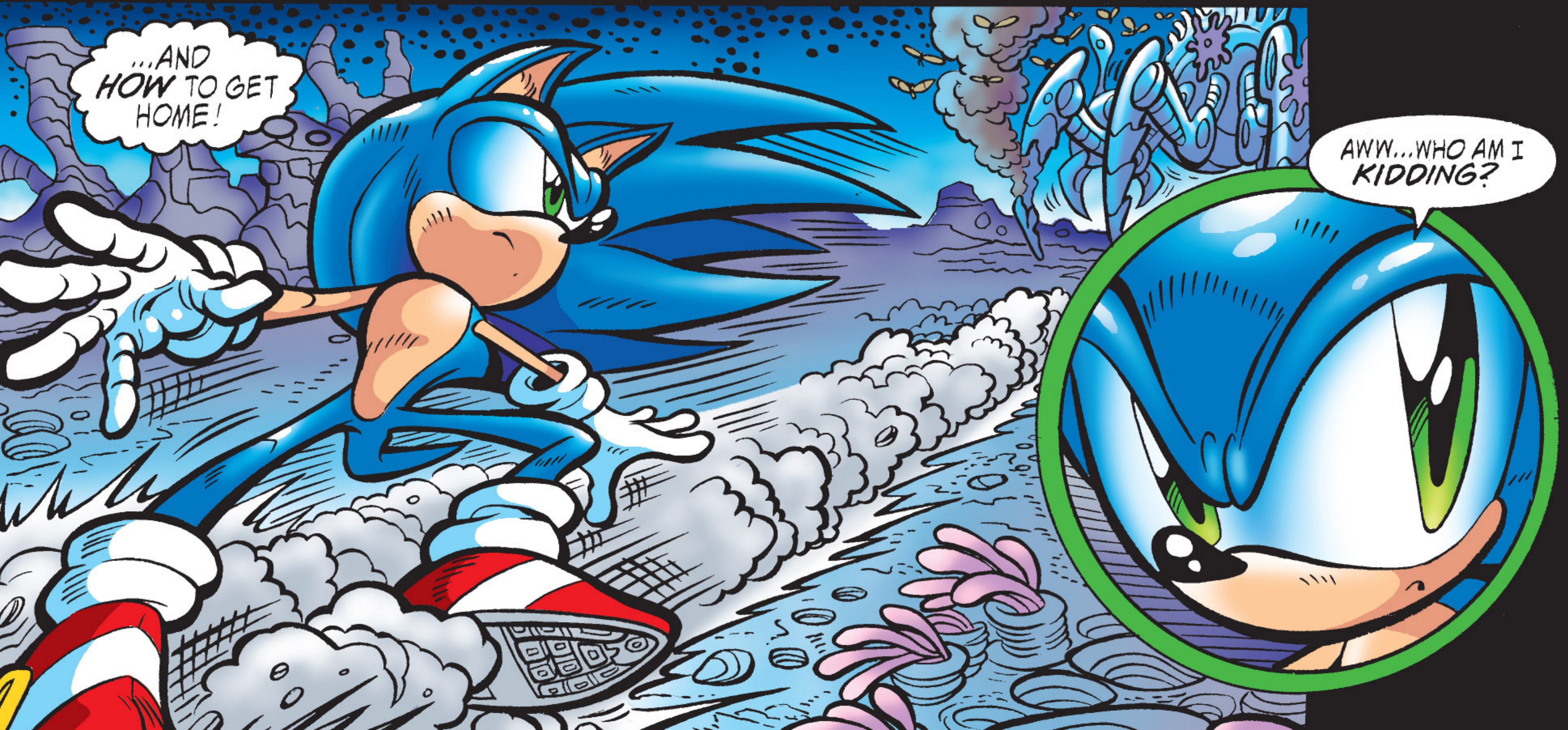


FINALLY FOUND AN EXIT...

...AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE DUDES WHO KIDNAPPED ME ARE BEING ATTACKED BY THOSE FLYING... THINGS!



NOT MY PROBLEM! RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOTTA FIGURE OUT WHERE I AM...



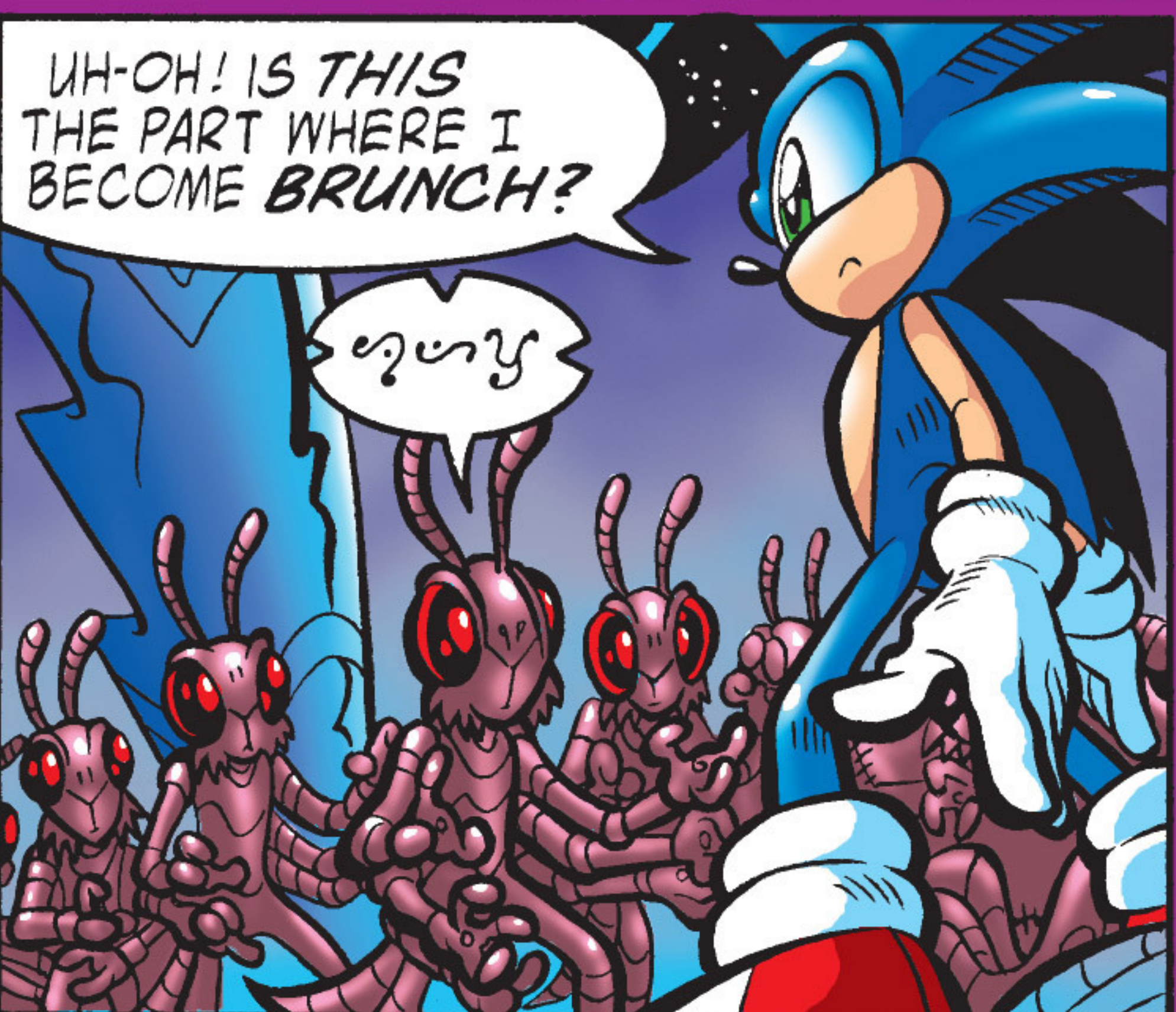
...AND HOW TO GET HOME!

AWW...WHO AM I KIDDING?



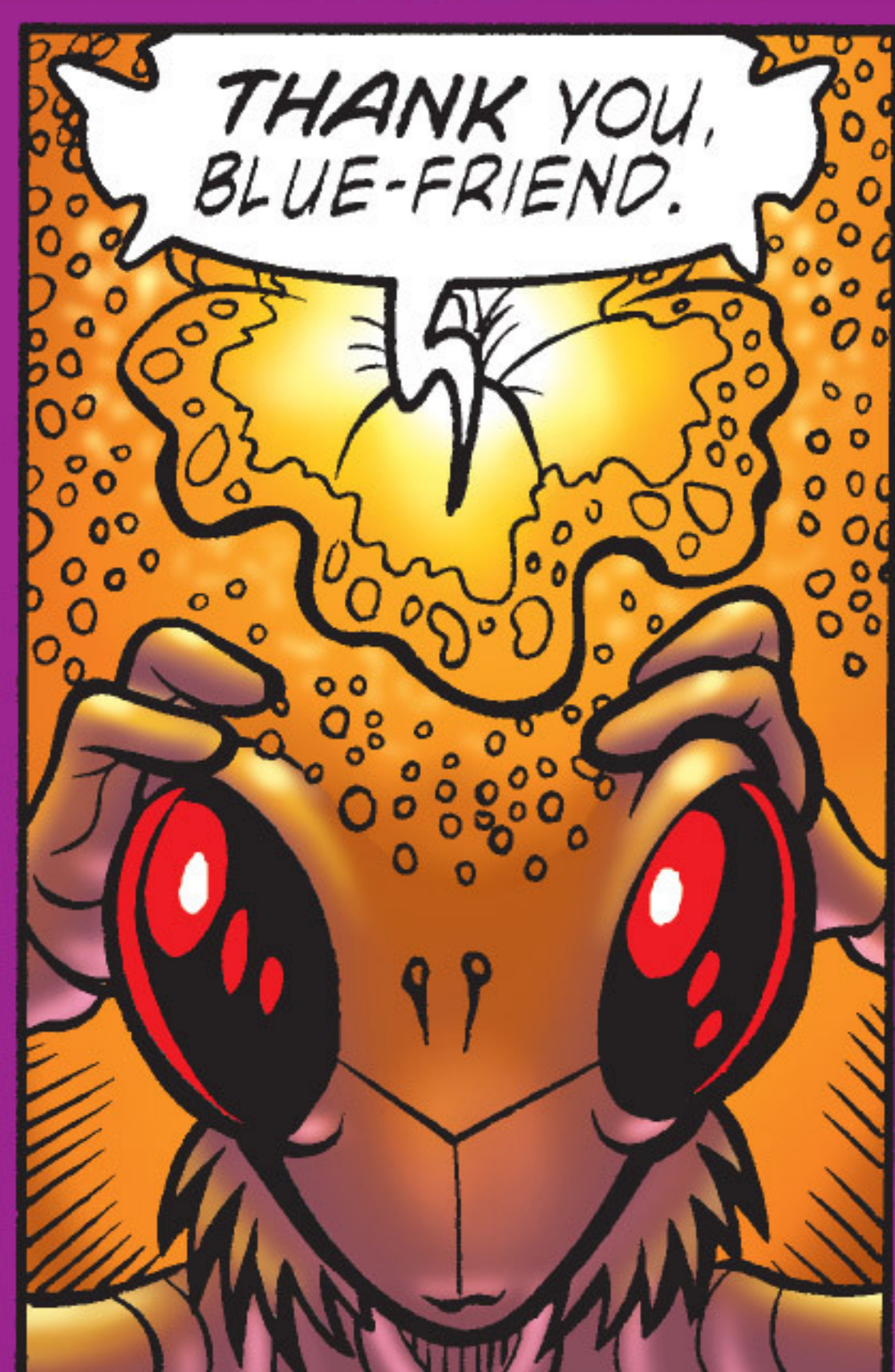
AND THE WINNER IS...

...ME!



UH-OH! IS THIS THE PART WHERE I BECOME BRUNCH?

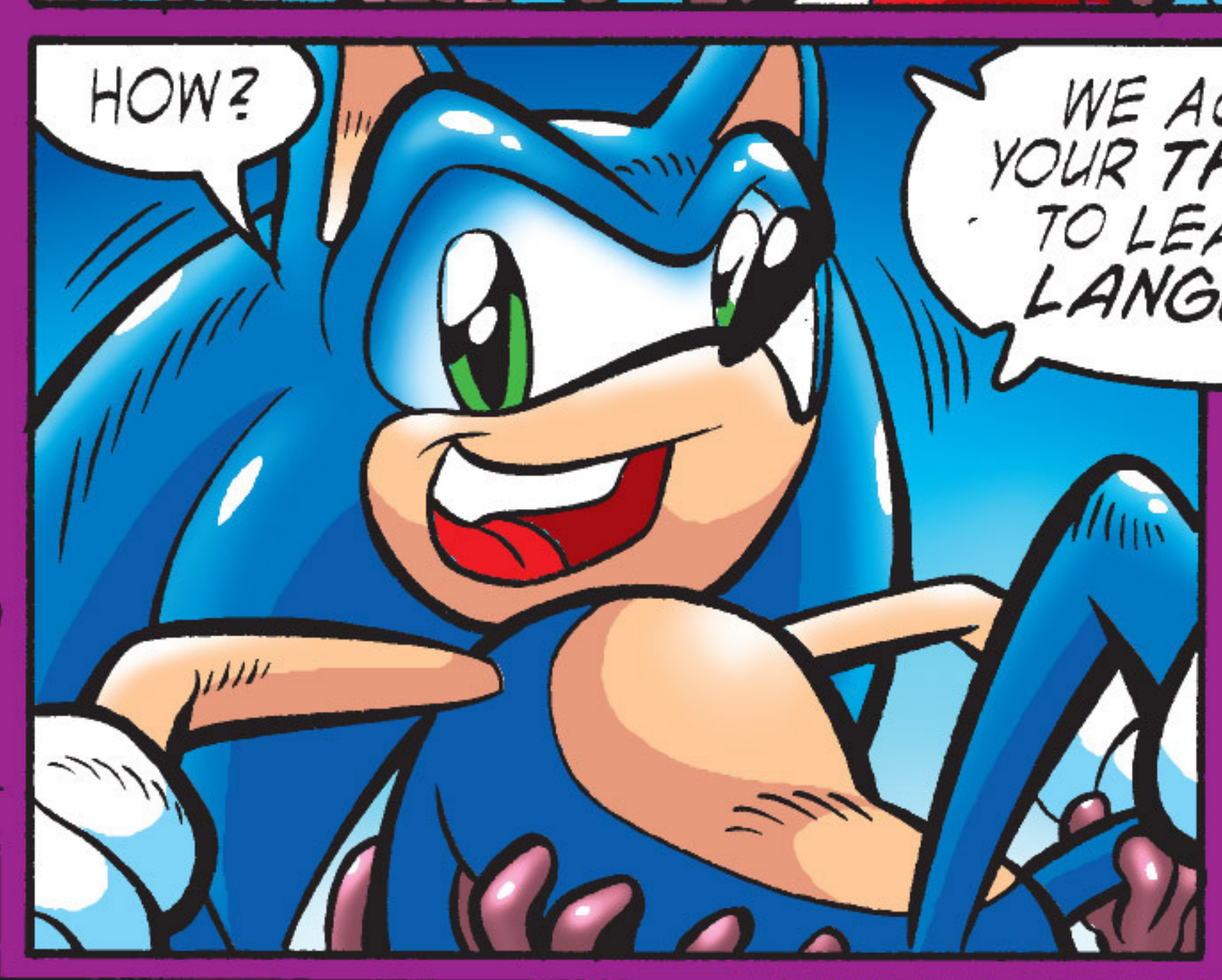
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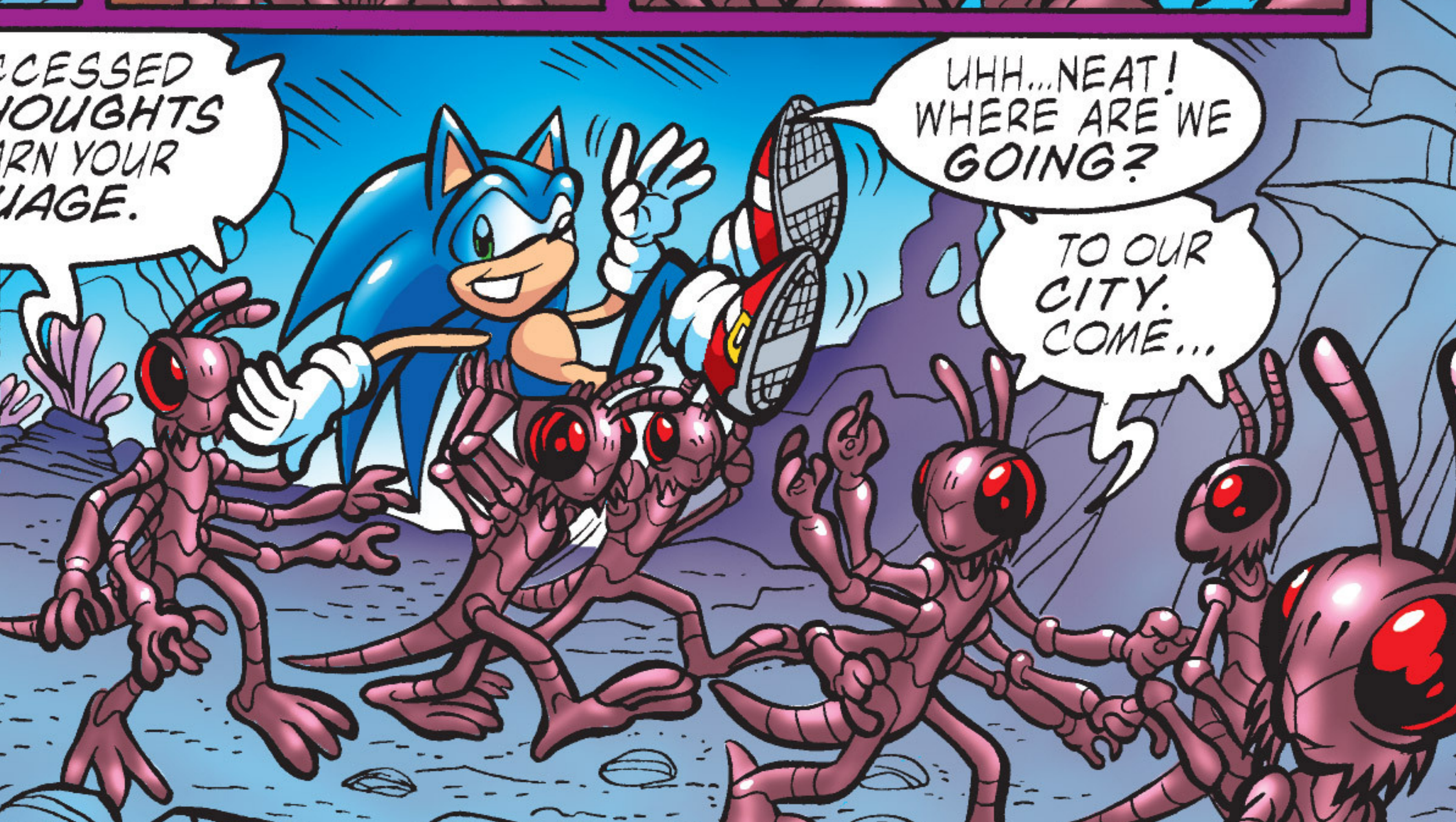
THANK YOU, BLUE-FRIEND.



HEY, I CAN HEAR YOU IN MY MIND! IN ENGLISH!



HOW?



WE ACCESSED YOUR THOUGHTS TO LEARN YOUR LANGUAGE.

UHH...NEAT! WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO OUR CITY. COME...

"...IT ISN'T VERY FAR."

SO YOU'RE TELLING ME I'M ON A PLANET CALLED THORAXIA...

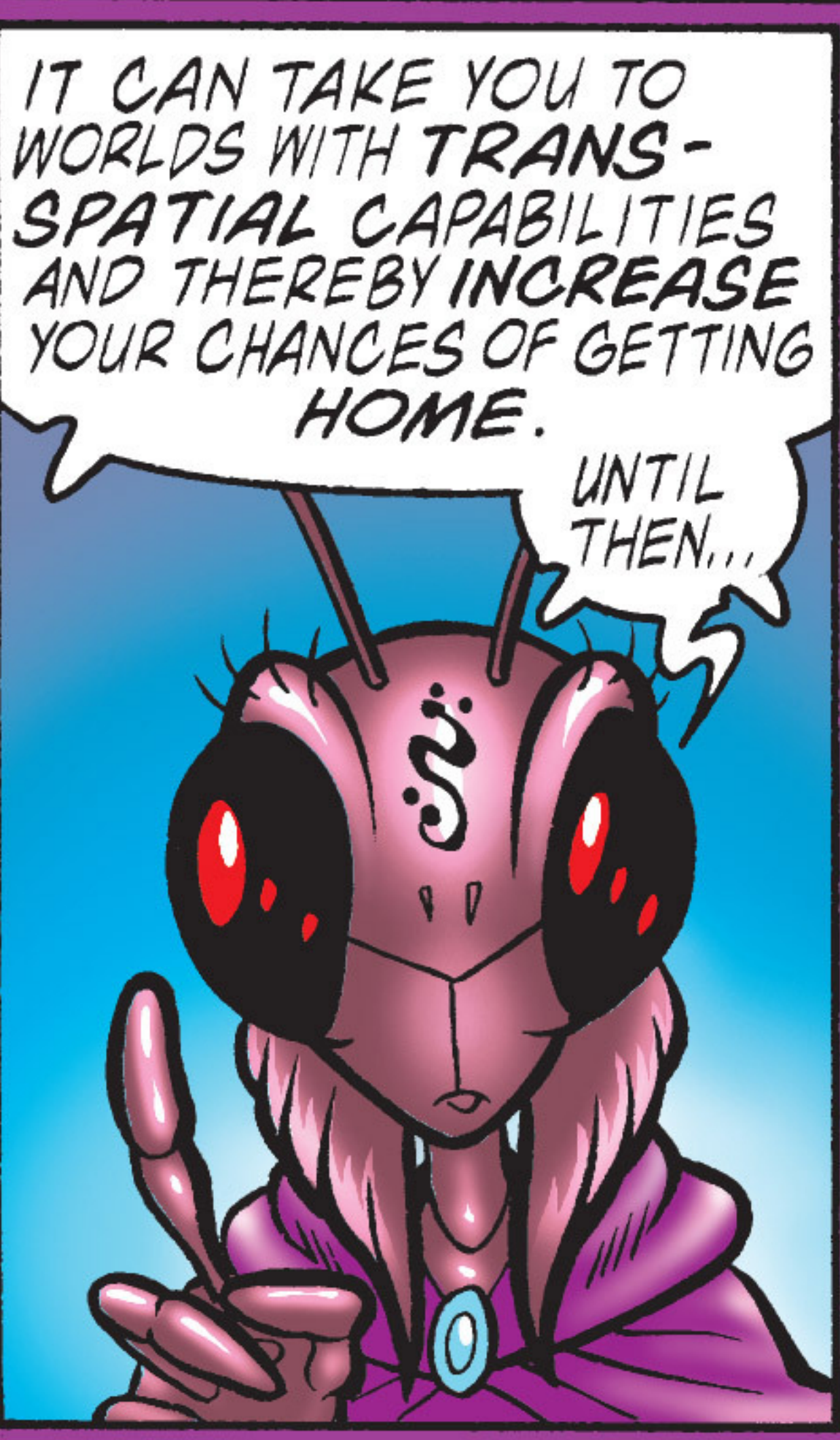
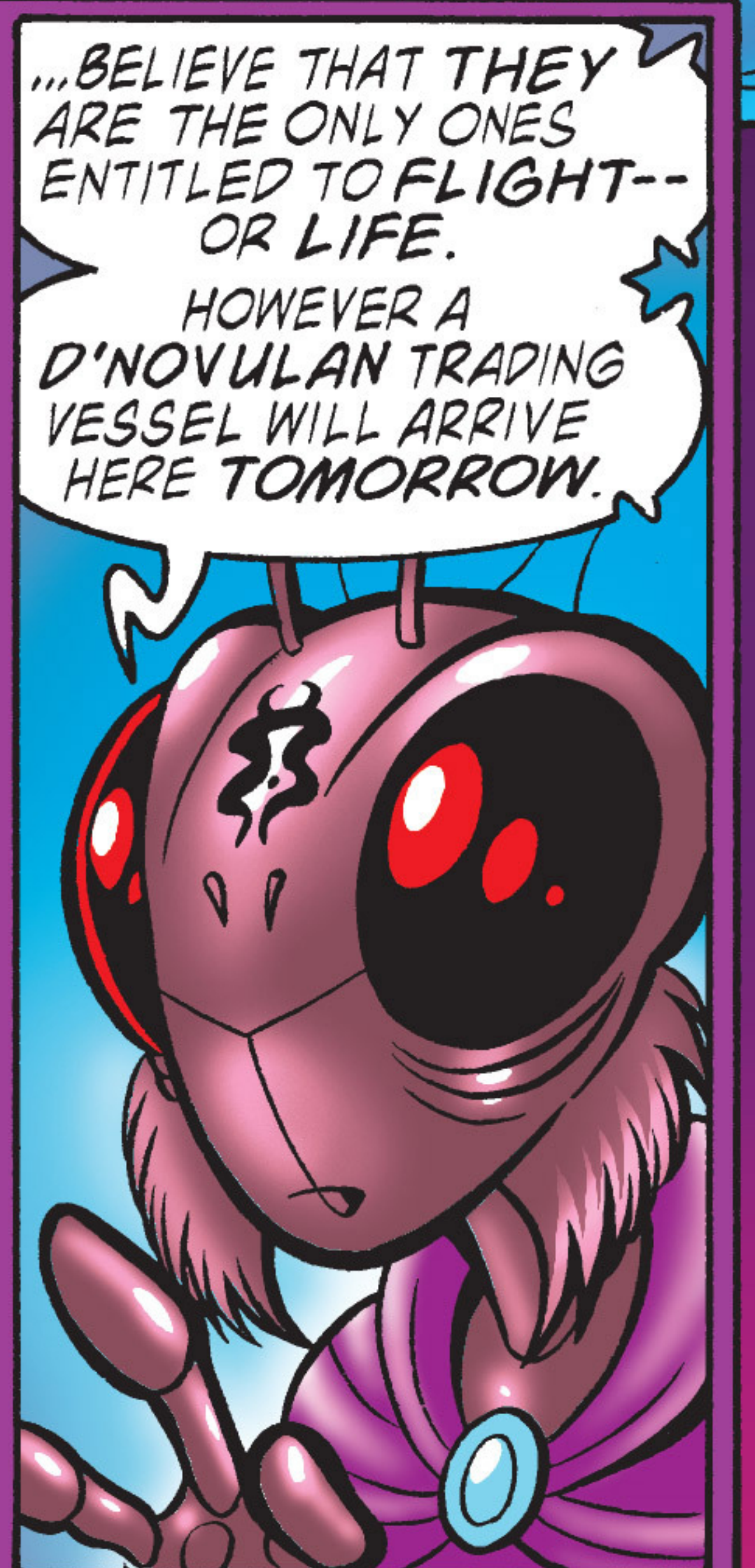
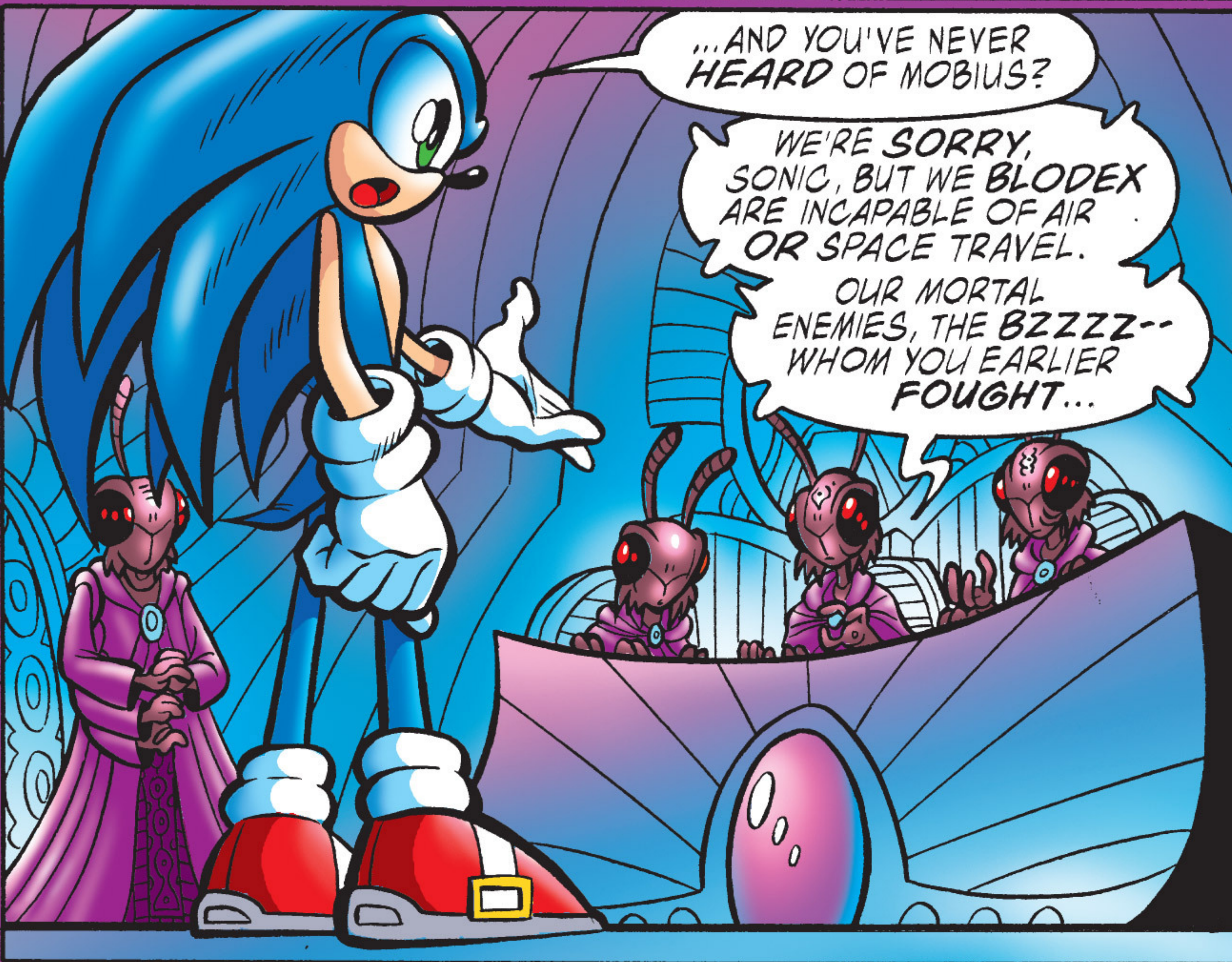
...AND YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF MOBIUS?

WE'RE SORRY, SONIC, BUT WE BLODEX ARE INCAPABLE OF AIR OR SPACE TRAVEL.

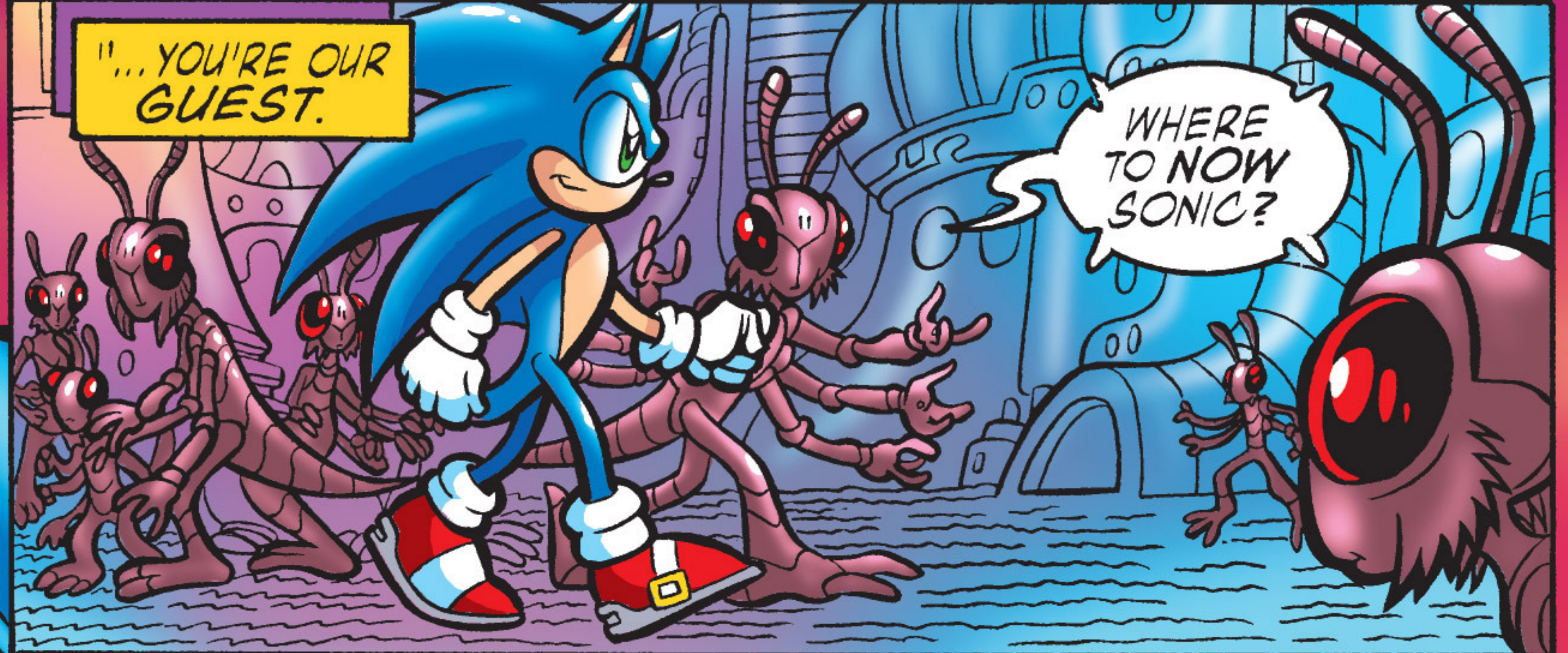
OUR MORTAL ENEMIES, THE BZZZZ-- WHOM YOU EARLIER FOUGHT...

...BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES ENTITLED TO FLIGHT-- OR LIFE.

HOWEVER A D'NOVULAN TRADING VESSEL WILL ARRIVE HERE TOMORROW.



IT CAN TAKE YOU TO WORLDS WITH TRANS-SPATIAL CAPABILITIES AND THEREBY INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING HOME. UNTIL THEN...



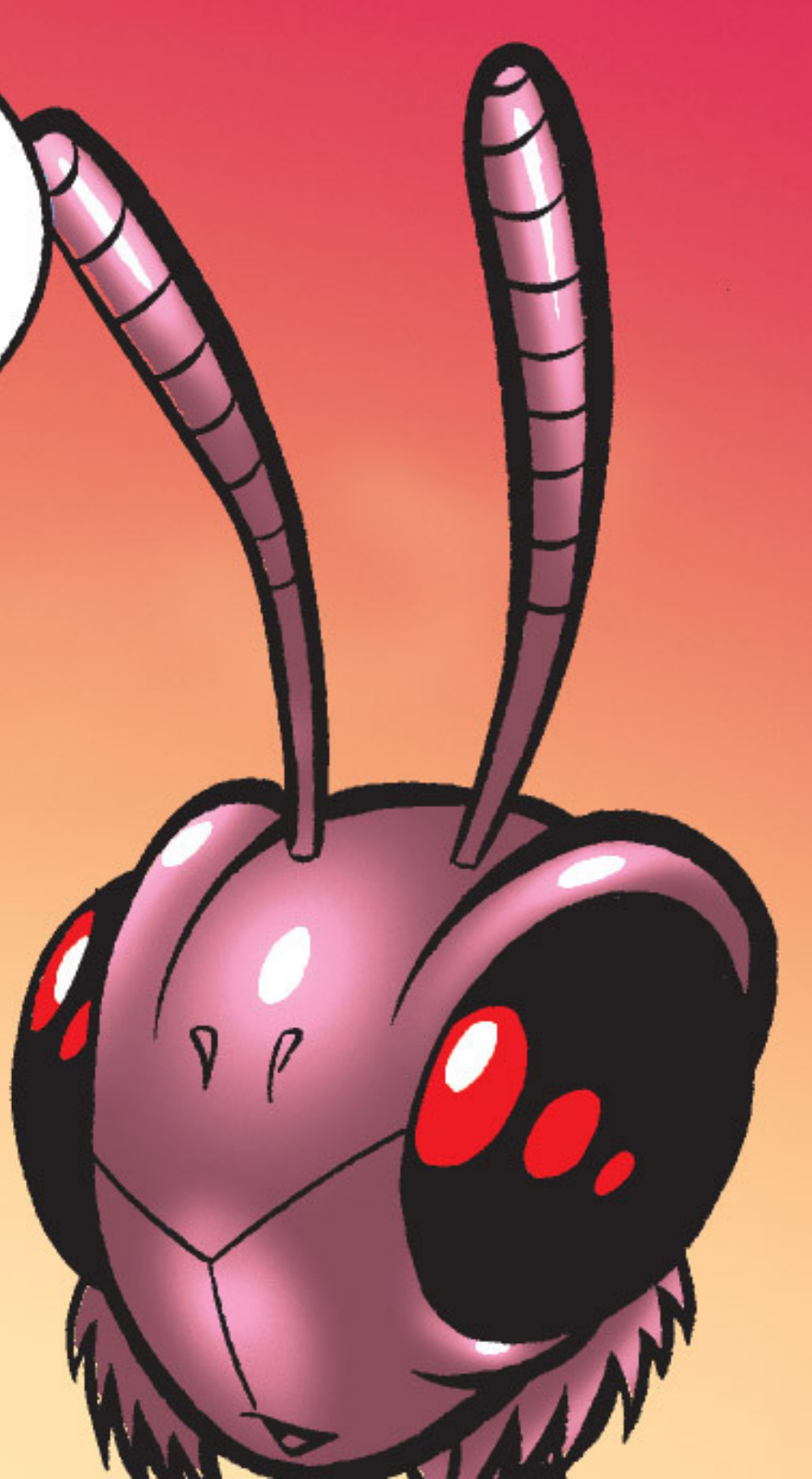
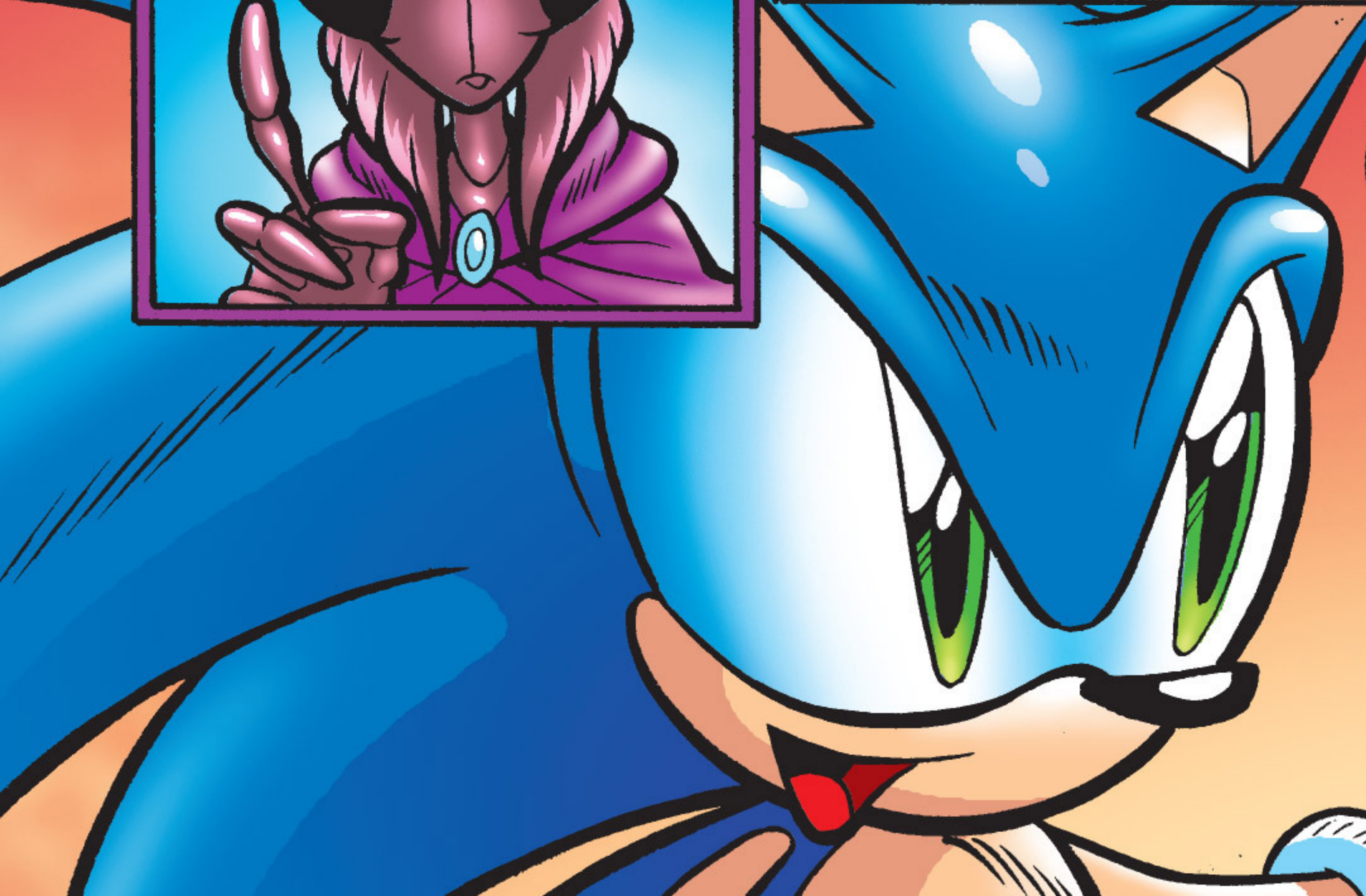
"...YOU'RE OUR GUEST."

WHERE TO NOW SONIC?

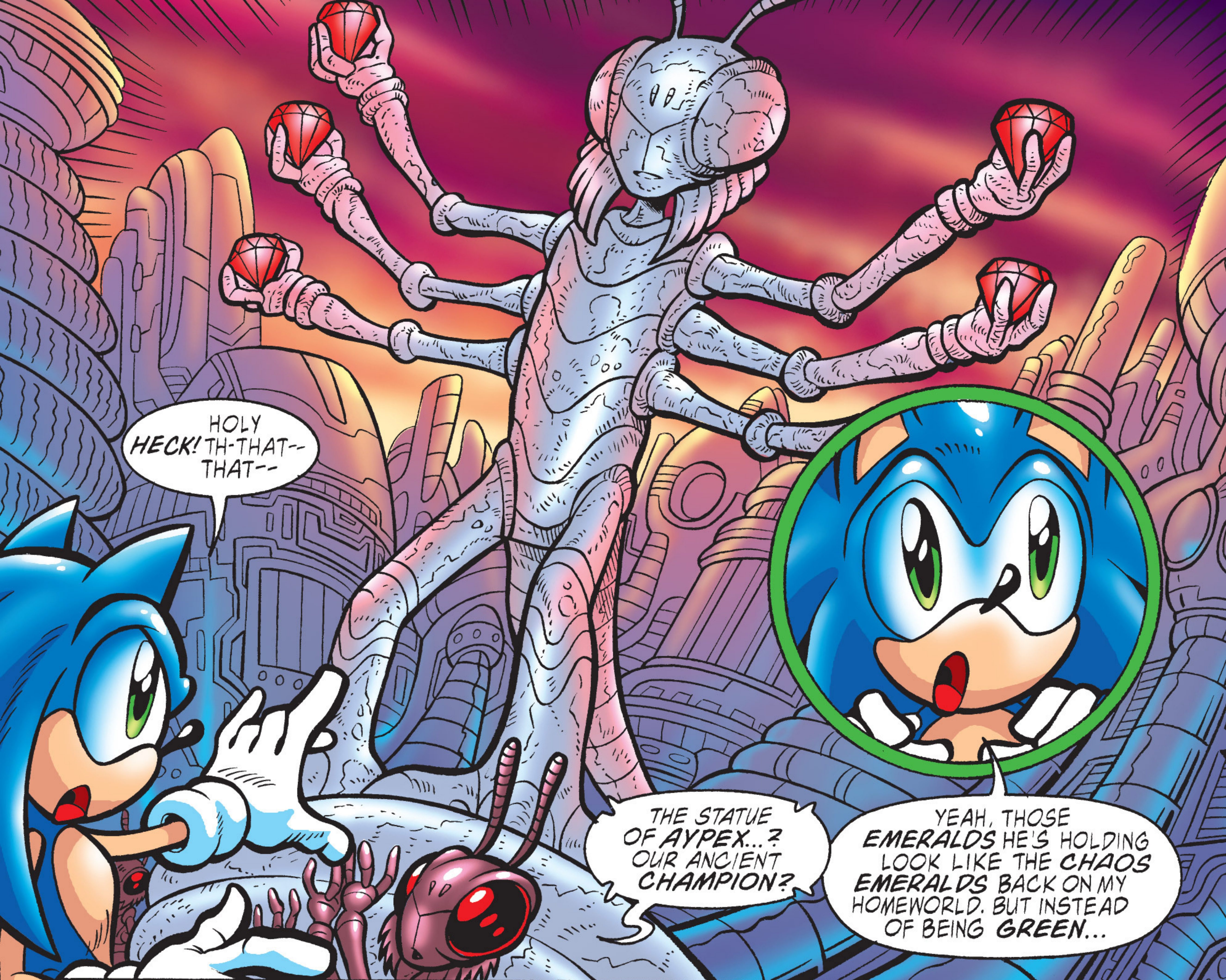
GEE, DEEBLE, I DUNNO. I'VE NEVER HAD A GUIDED TOUR OF AN ALIEN CITY... OR AN ALIEN TOUR GUIDE!

WELL, I'VE NEVER GIVEN A TOUR TO A...?

HEDGEHOG. I'M A--



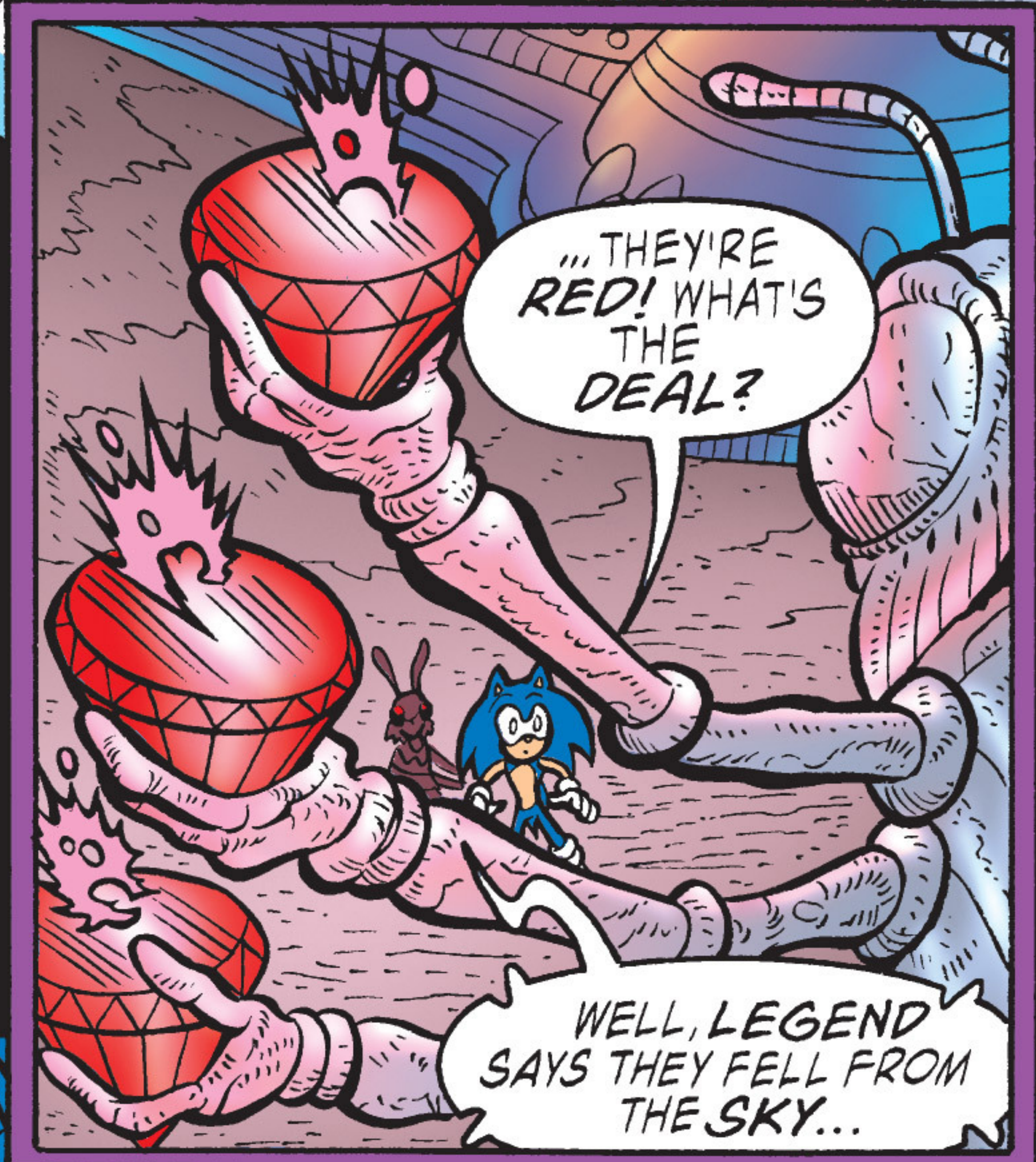




HOLY  
HECK! TH-THAT--  
THAT--

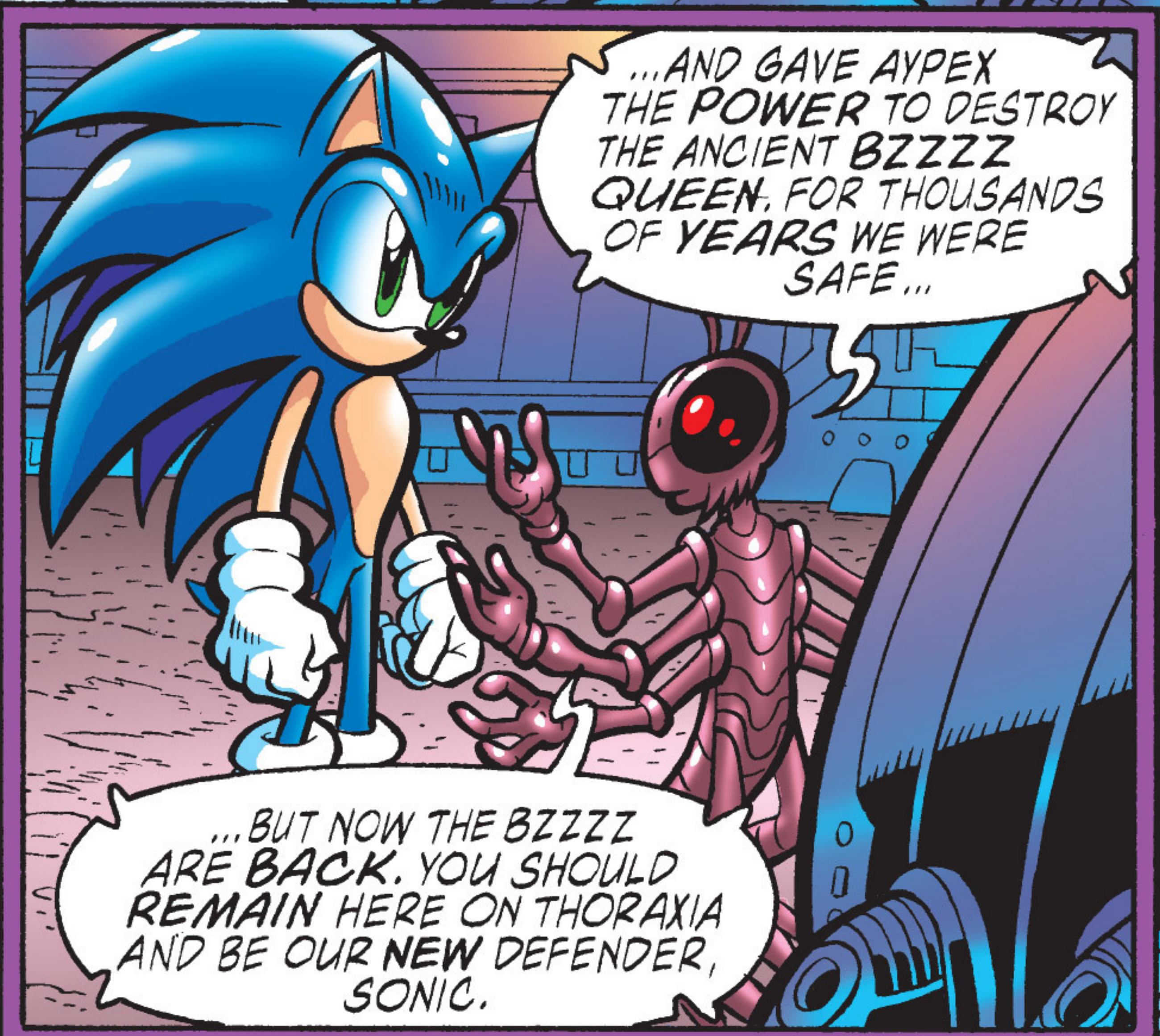
THE STATUE  
OF AYPEX...?  
OUR ANCIENT  
CHAMPION?

YEAH, THOSE  
EMERALDS HE'S HOLDING  
LOOK LIKE THE CHAOS  
EMERALDS BACK ON MY  
HOMEWORLD. BUT INSTEAD  
OF BEING GREEN...



...THEY'RE  
RED! WHAT'S  
THE  
DEAL?

WELL, LEGEND  
SAYS THEY FELL FROM  
THE SKY...



...AND GAVE AYPEX  
THE POWER TO DESTROY  
THE ANCIENT BZZZZ  
QUEEN. FOR THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS WE WERE  
SAFE...

...BUT NOW THE BZZZZ  
ARE BACK. YOU SHOULD  
REMAIN HERE ON THORAXIA  
AND BE OUR NEW DEFENDER,  
SONIC.



SORRY, DEEBLE,  
BUT I'VE GOTTA GET BACK  
TO MOBIUS. EVERYONE I  
CARE ABOUT IS THERE...

...AND, EVEN  
WORSE, THEY  
PROBABLY THINK  
I BIT THE  
DUST!

LATER, LONG  
AFTER DEEBLE'S  
TOUR...

I MEAN, HOW DID I  
WIND UP ON SOME OTHER  
PLANET, IN SOME OTHER  
GALAXY, ANYWAY?

AND WHAT IF  
I'M LOST IN SPACE  
FOREVER?



NO WAY! I'M  
GONNA GET ON THAT  
SHIP TOMORROW  
AND FIND A WAY  
HOME... EVEN IF I  
DIE TRYING.

=YAAWNN=  
ANYWAY, I'D BETTER  
CRASH.

BZZZZZ

WHAT'S THAT...  
SOUND?

WELL,  
THERE GOES  
MY BEAUTY  
REST!



"THE BZZZZ ARE IN STRAIGHT-UP ATTACK MODE..."

"...AND THEIR QUEEN TAGGED ALONG TO MAKE SURE THEY DO THE JOB RIGHT!"

I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING, BUT THERE'S TOO MANY OF 'EM--I'M OUTNUMBERED!

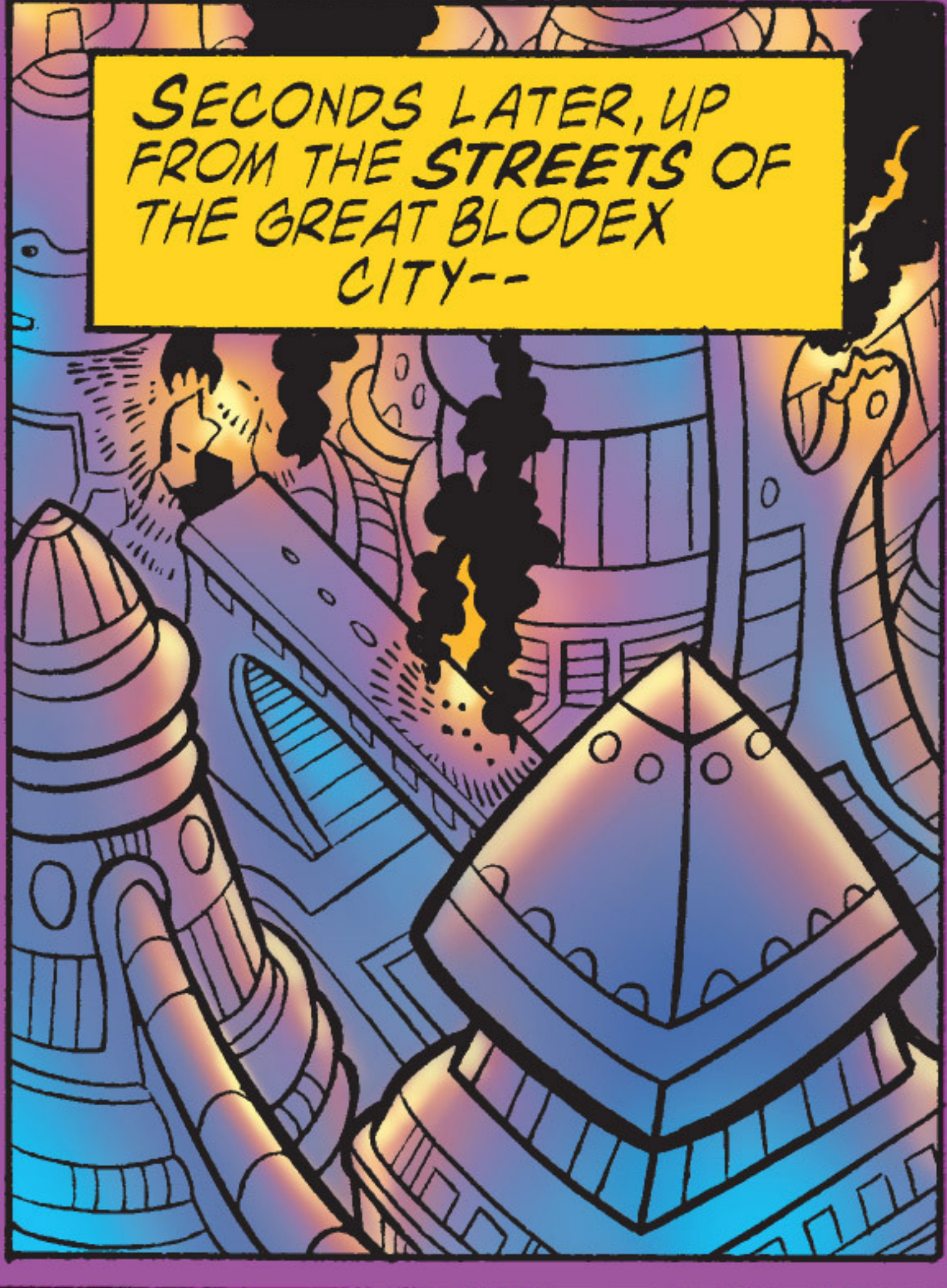
RUN! AVOID THE QUEEN'S STINGER--

"--HER TOXIN CAN MELT THROUGH ANY SUBSTANCE!!"

ON MOBIUS, WHEN I ABSORB THE POWER OF SIX GREEN CHAOS EMERALDS I TRANSFORM INTO SUPER SONIC.

SIX RED ONES SHOULD DO THE SAME, RIGHT?

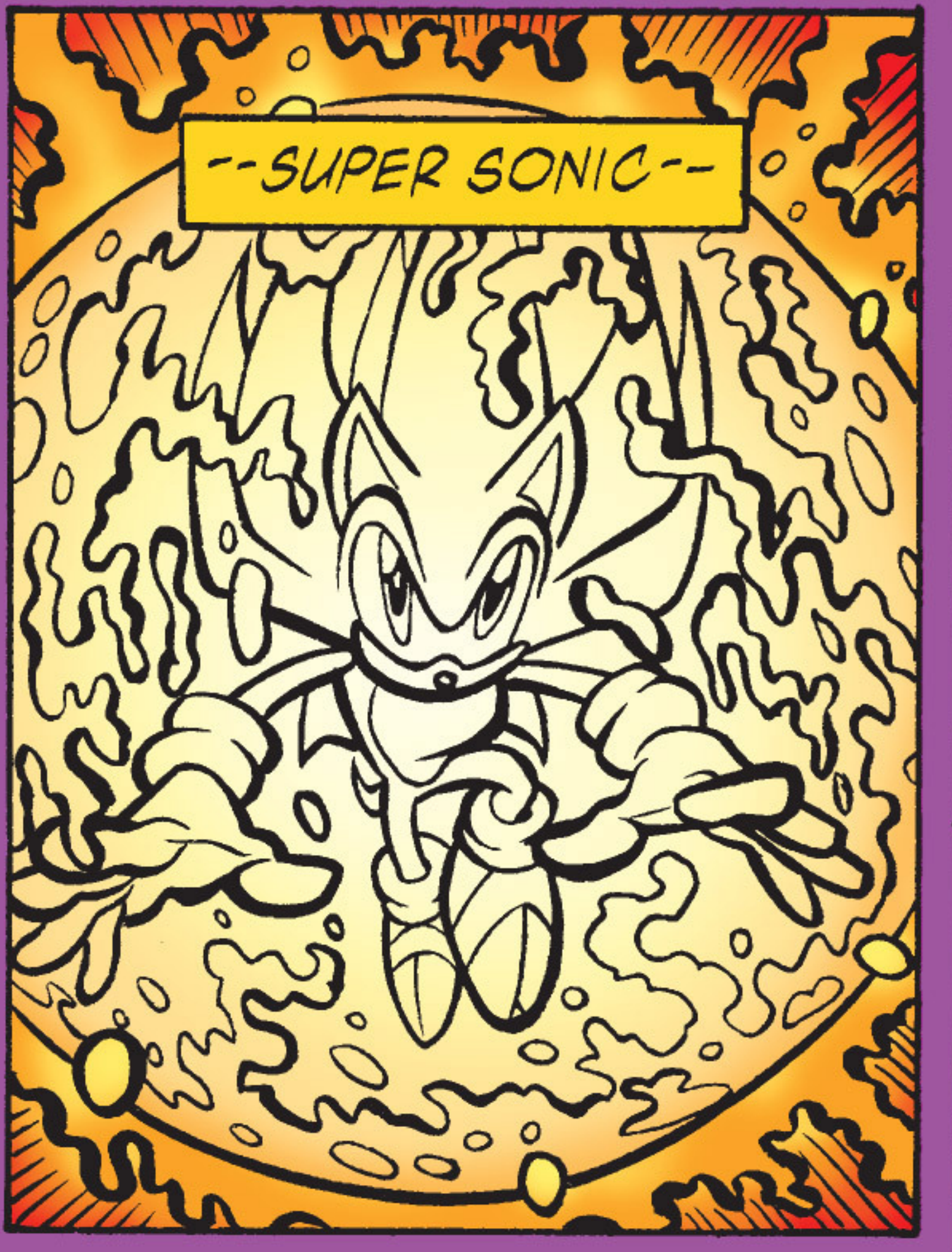
SECONDS LATER, UP FROM THE STREETS OF THE GREAT BLODEX CITY--



--THERE COMES A SHIMMERING, ENERGY-FILLED BEING--



--SUPER SONIC--

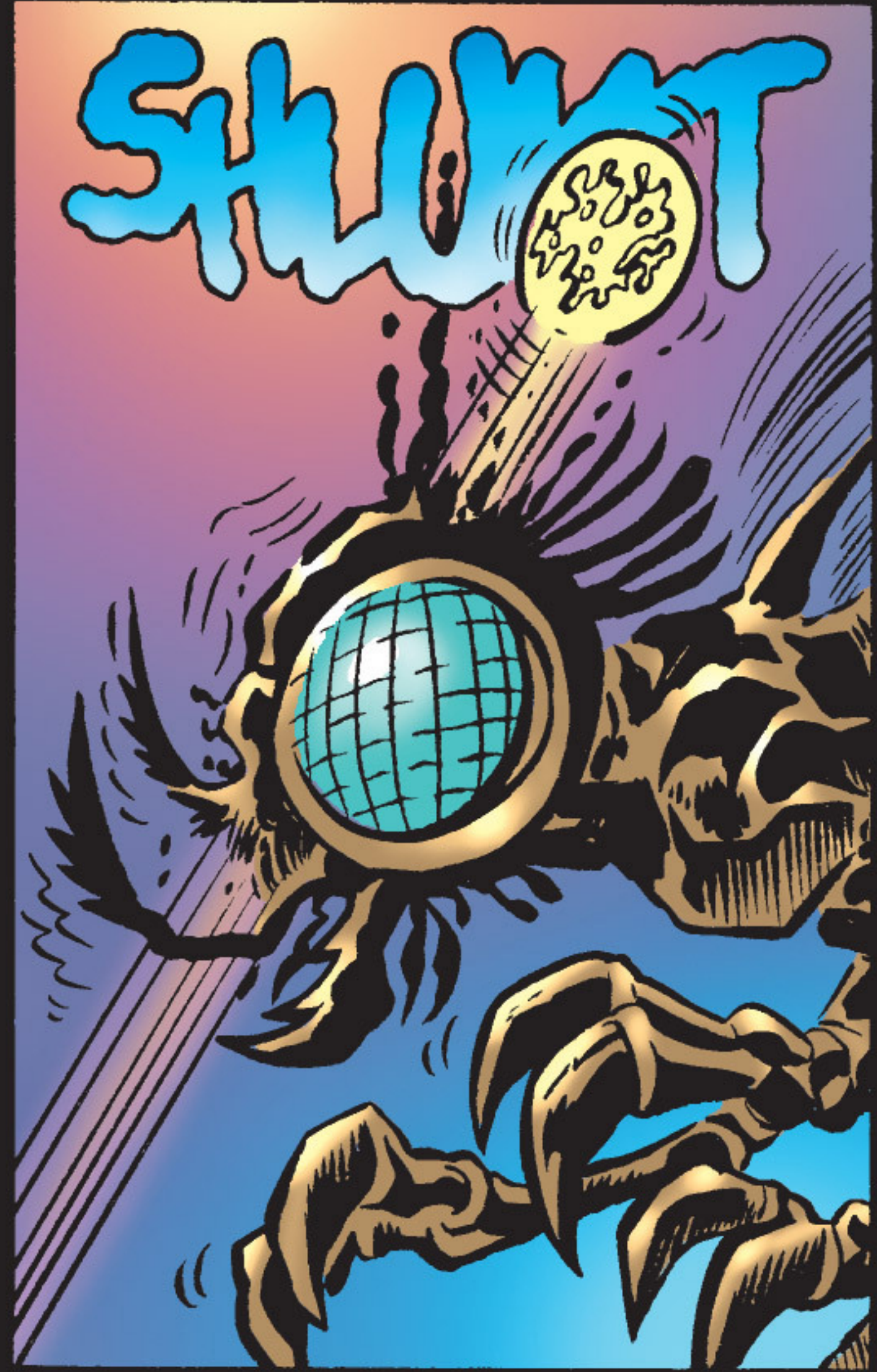


--WHO DESTROYS THE BZZZZ USING THE POWER OF RED CHAOS.



EACH AND EVERY LAST ONE--

SHUMAT



--INCLUDING THE QUEEN.



THOOM





BOY...

...I SURE  
WASN'T EXPECTING  
THAT TO  
HAPPEN!

End of  
Part 1

# Tossed <sup>IN</sup> Space

## PART 2: HOG & SUPERHOG

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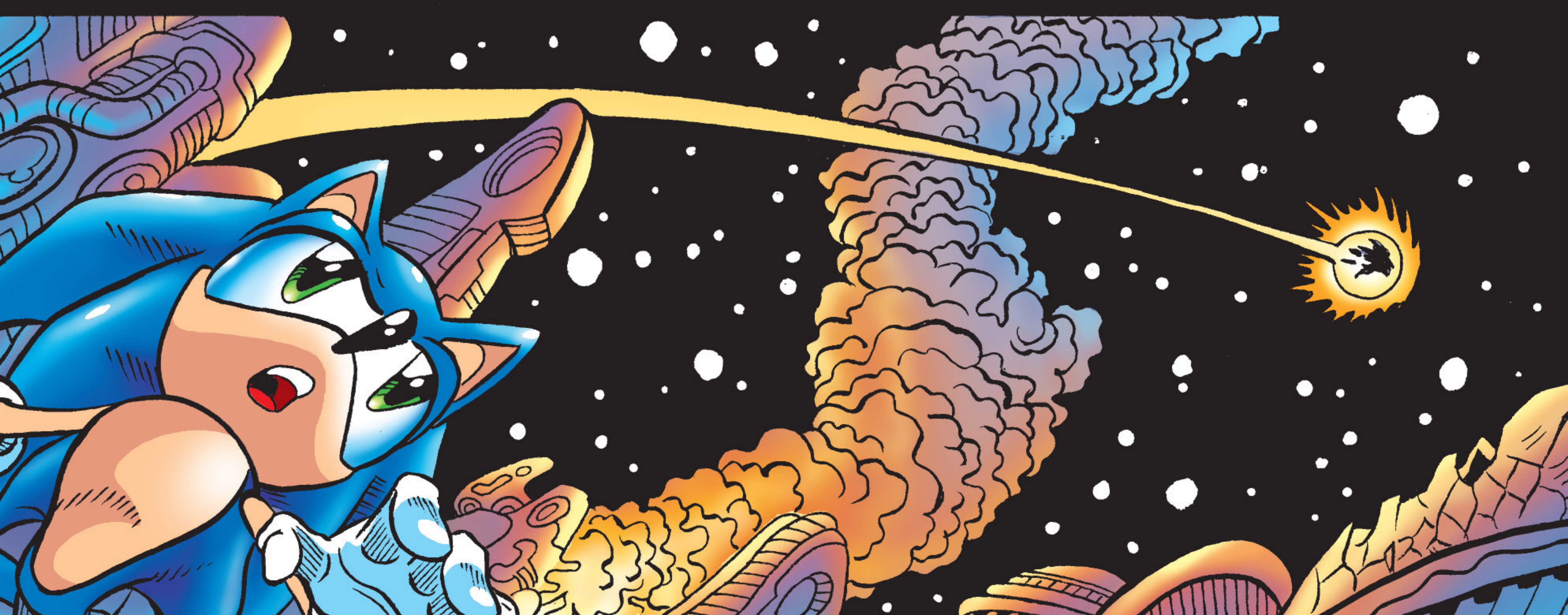
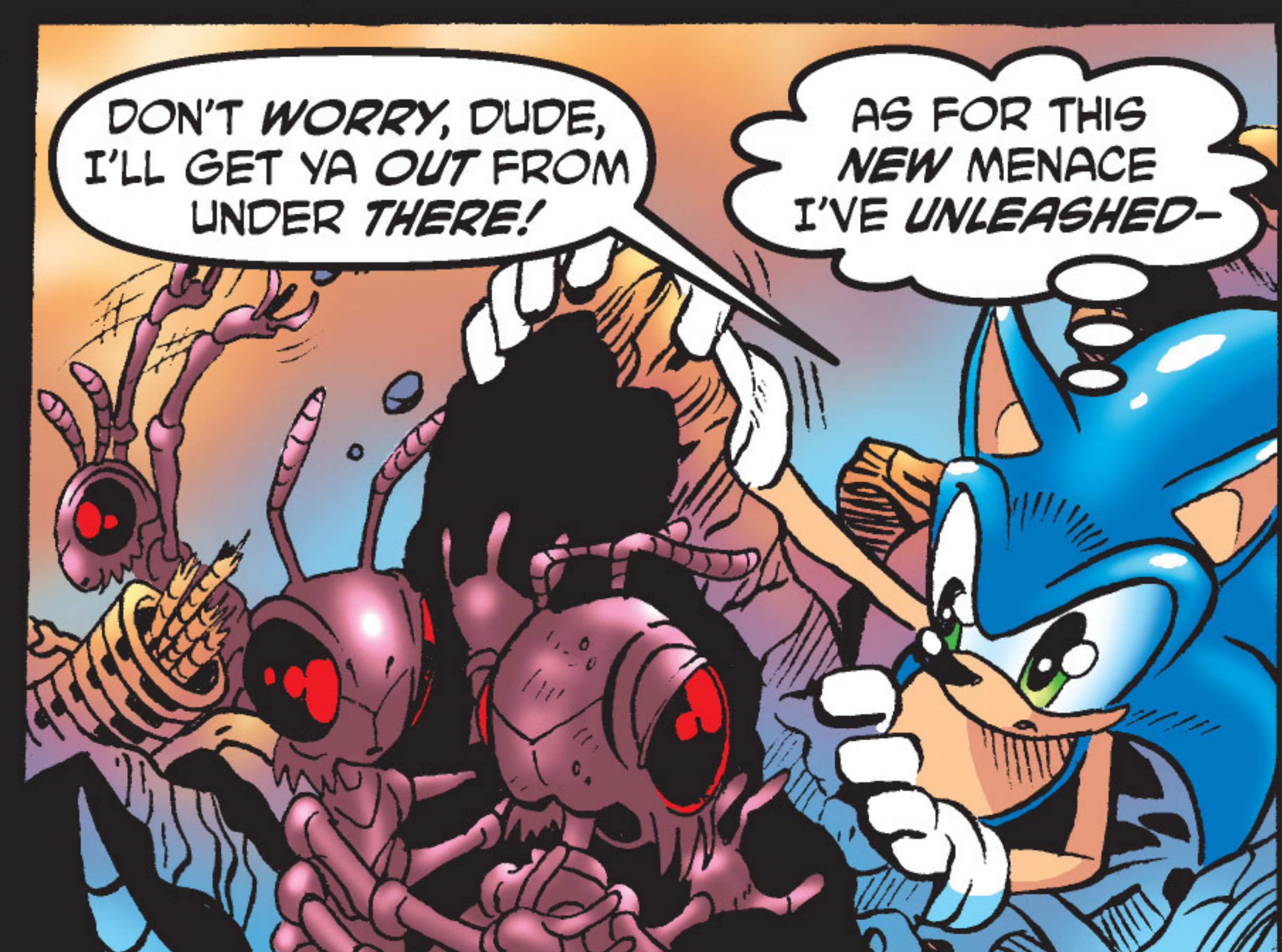
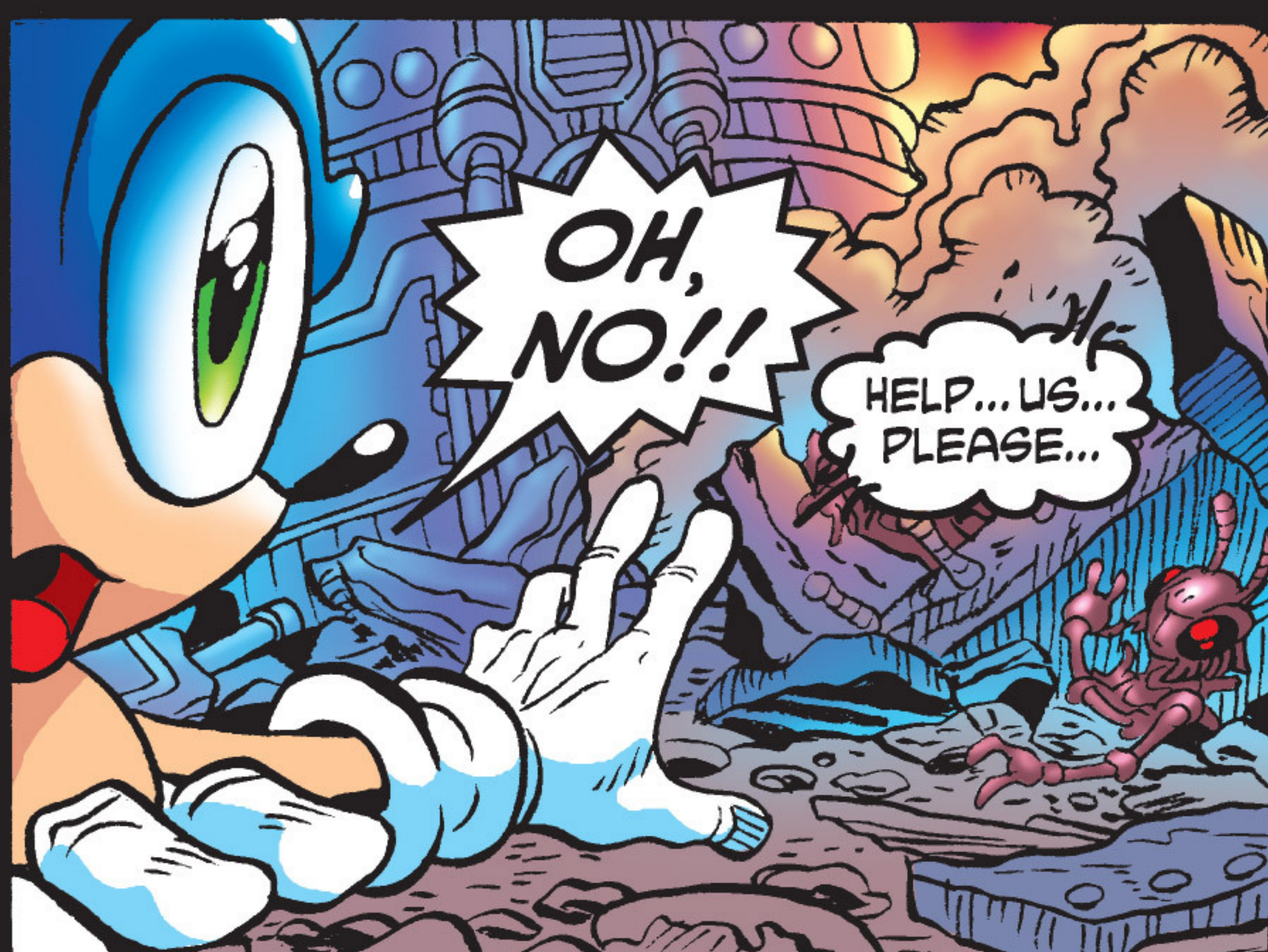
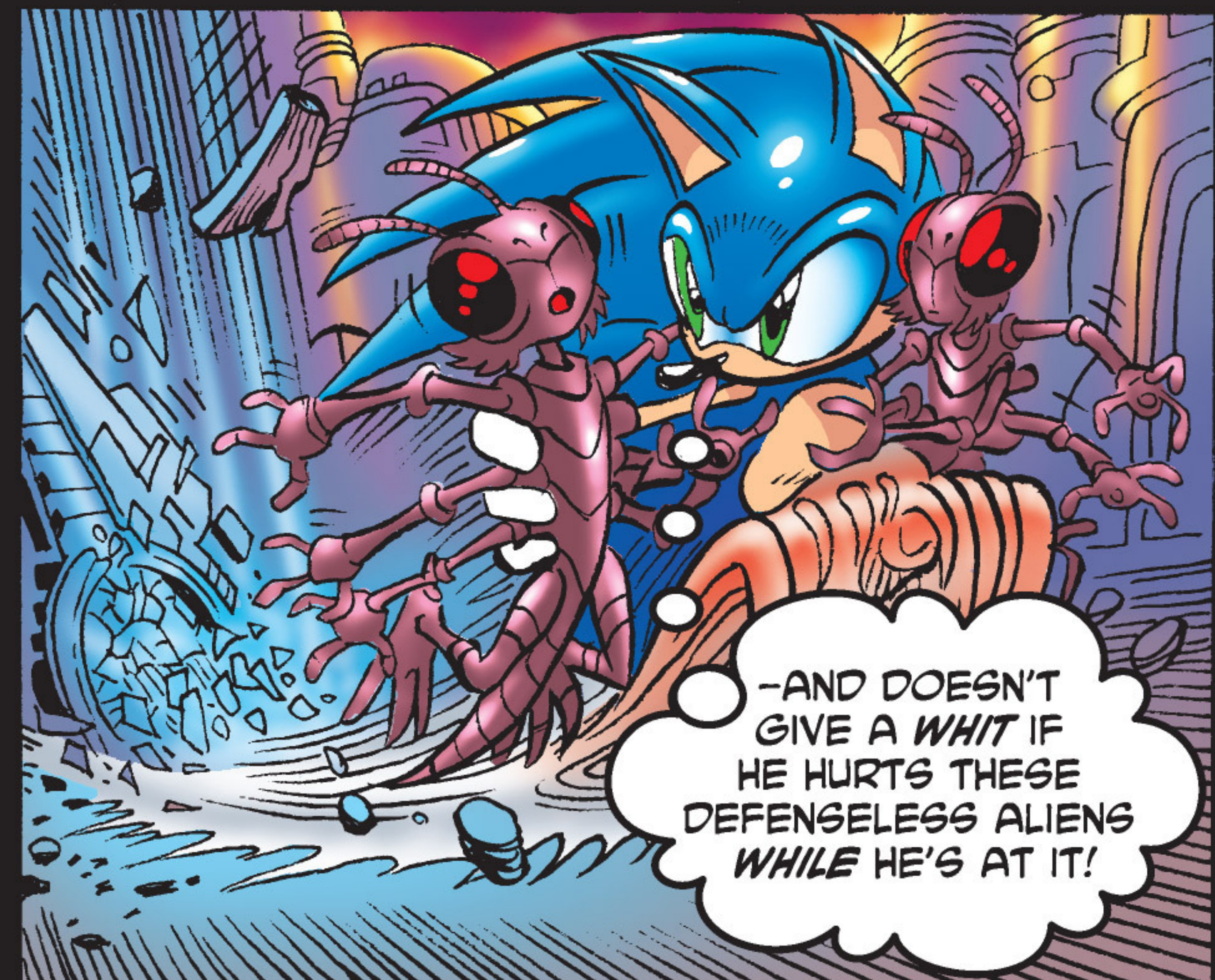
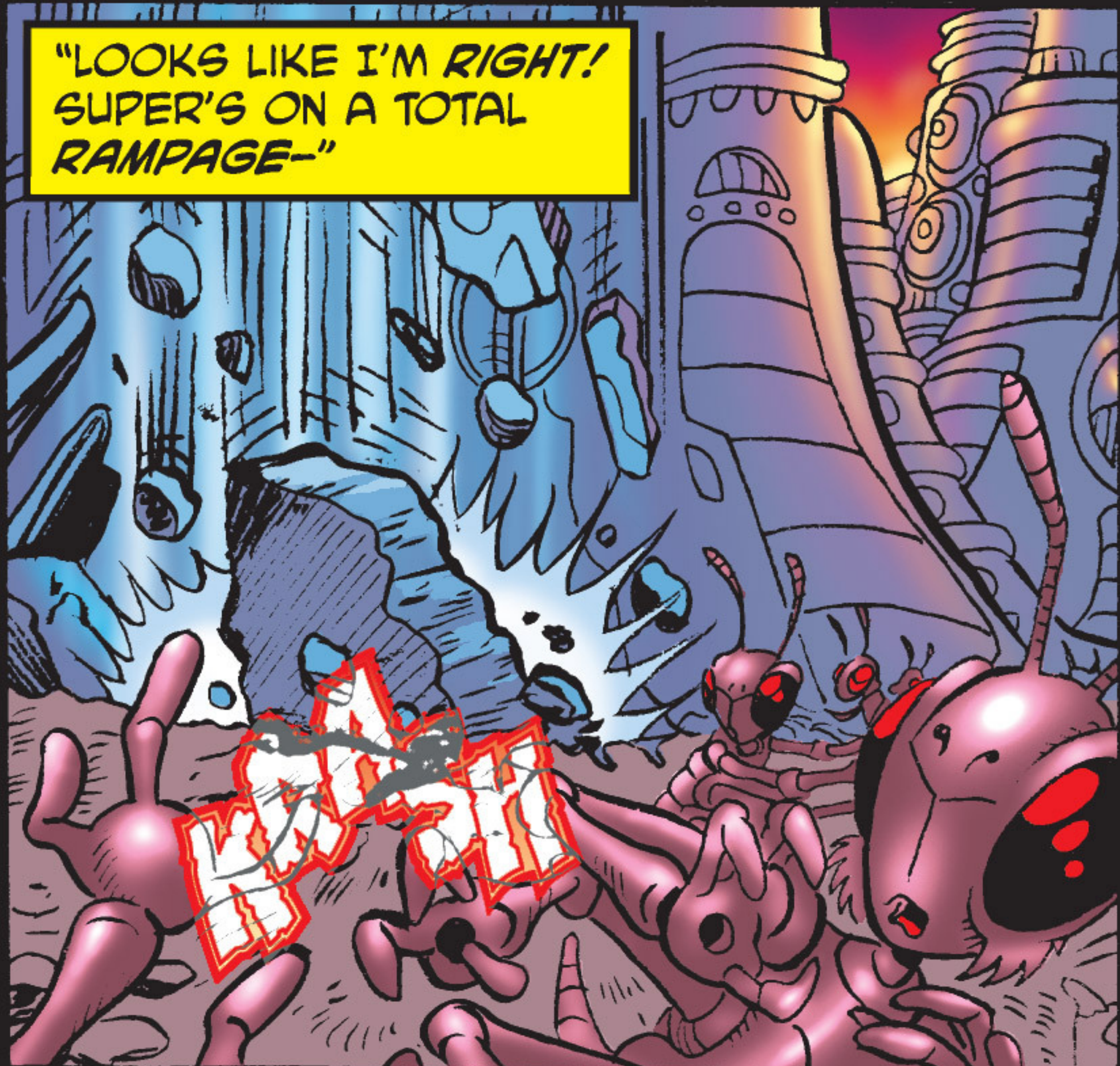
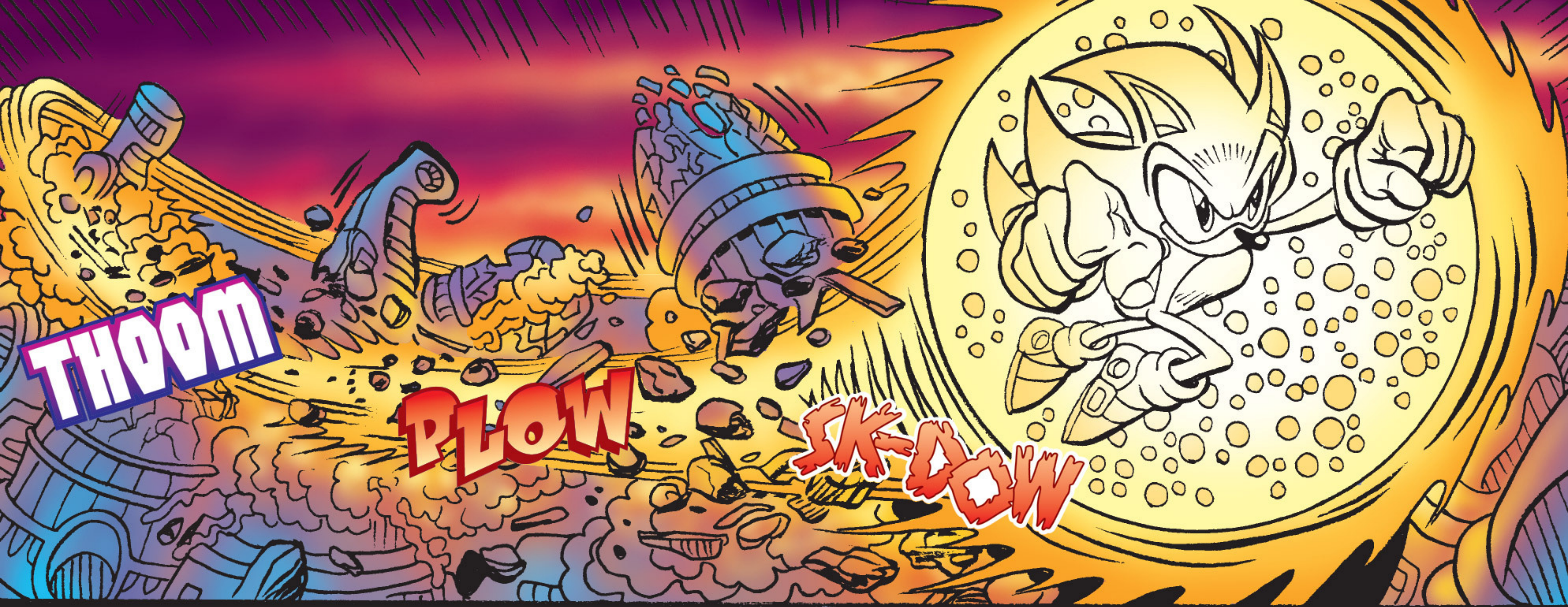
## THE HEDGEHOG

NOW LET ME JUST TRY  
AND WRAP MY HEDGEHOG  
BRAIN AROUND THIS ONE—

—INSTEAD OF TRANSFORMING  
ME INTO SUPER SONIC THE WAY  
SIX GREEN CHAOS EMERALDS DO—

—THE SIX RED ONES  
WHOSE ENERGY I ABSORBED  
HAVE MANIFESTED HIM AS  
A SEPARATE BEING!

THIS  
CAN'T  
BE GOOD.

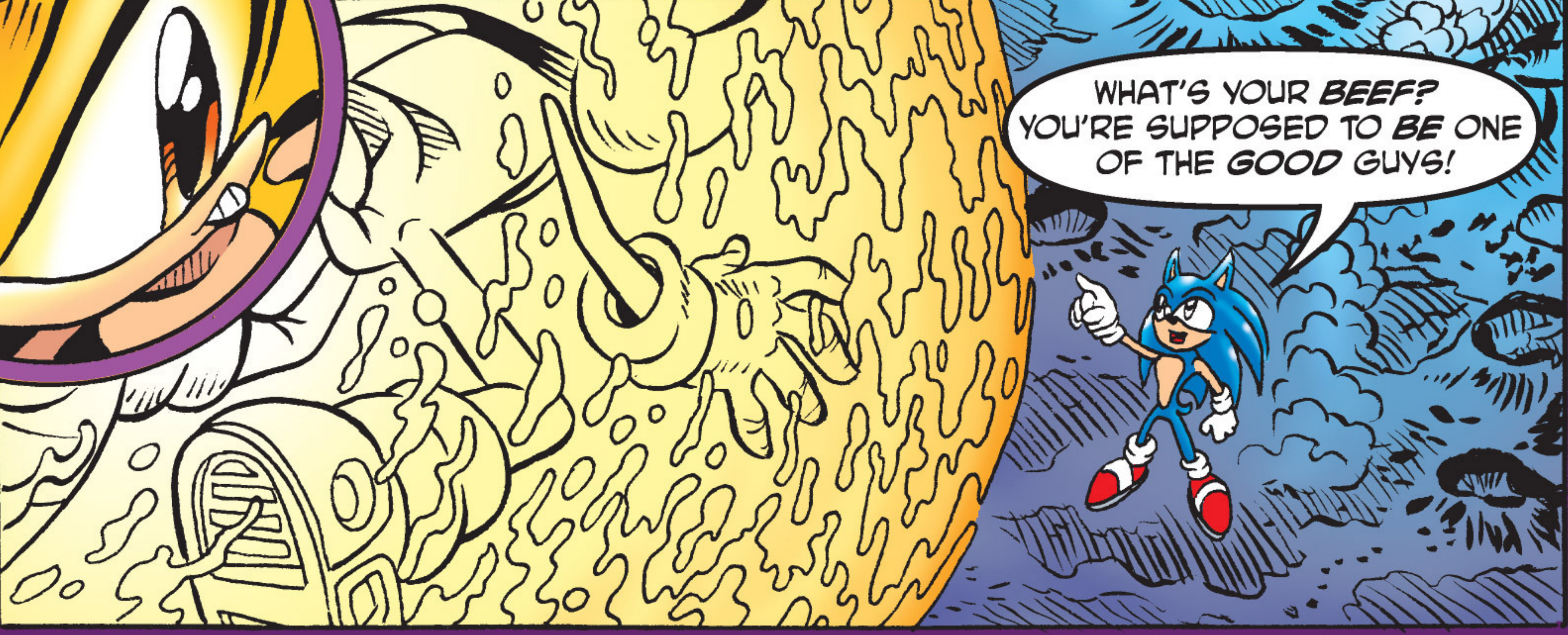


MINUTES LATER,  
MILES FROM THE  
ALIEN CITY...

BOOM BOOM BOOM



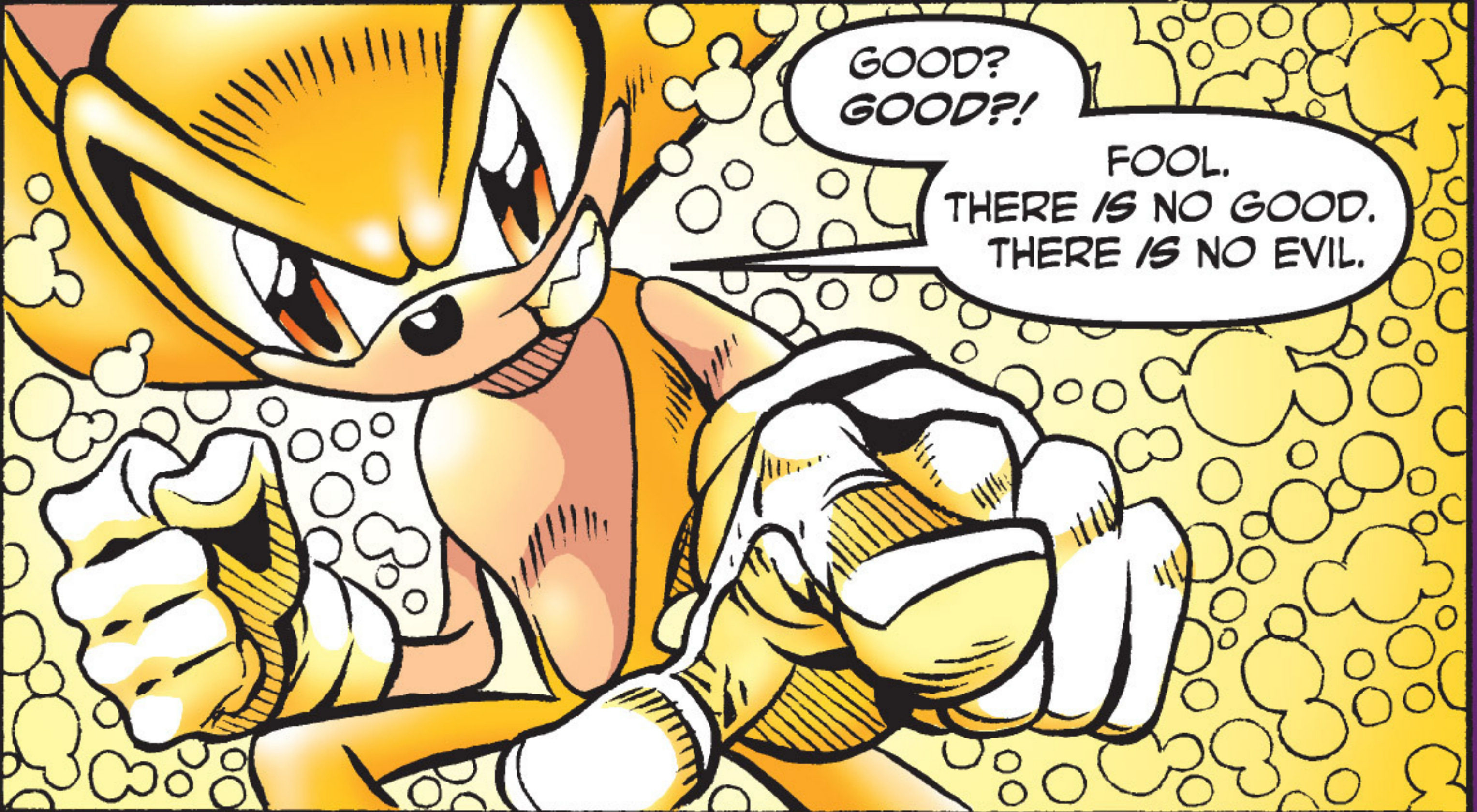
YO-STUPID SONIC!



WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?  
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ONE  
OF THE GOOD GUYS!

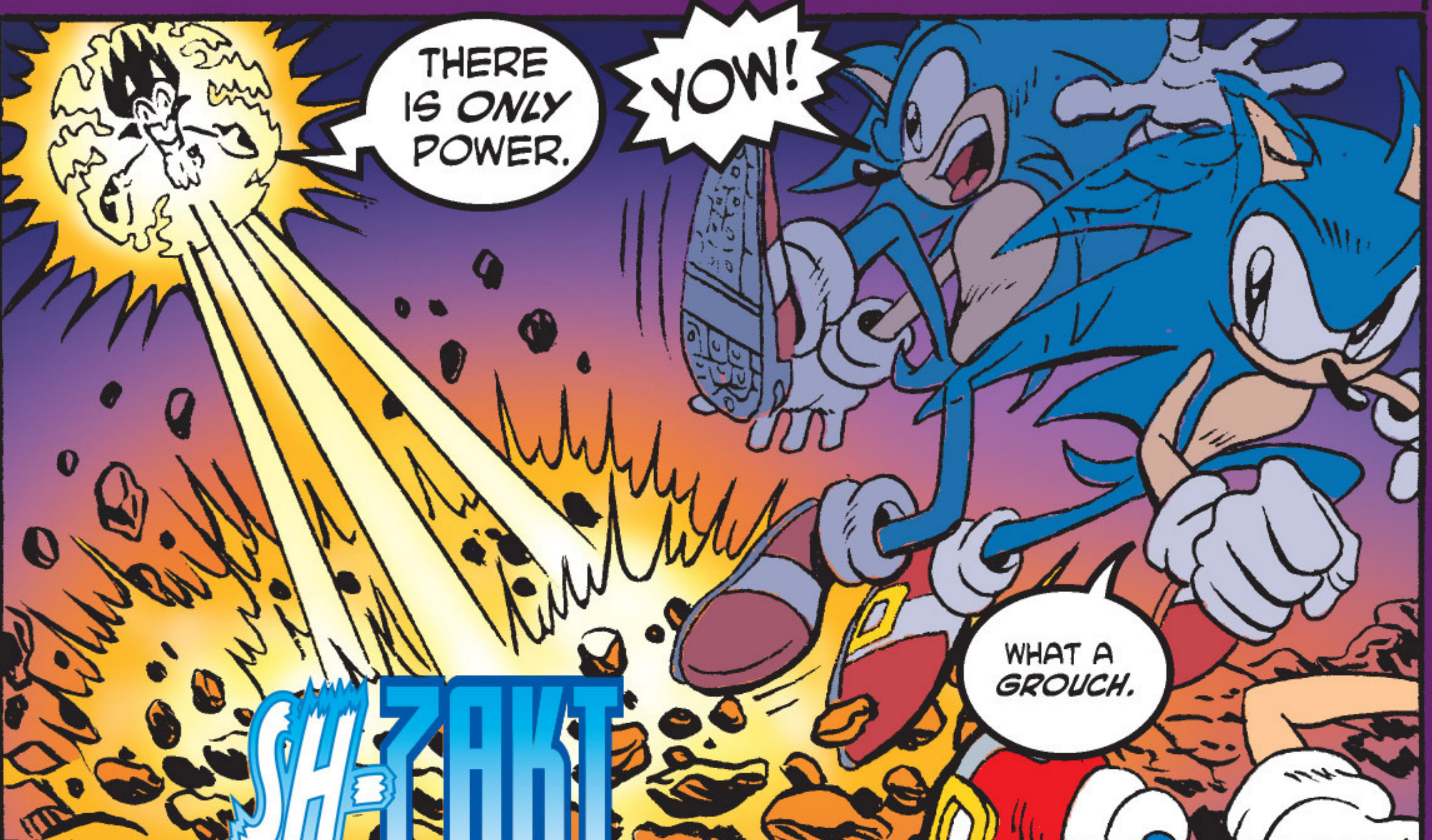


HA! HA!  
HA! HA!



GOOD?  
GOOD?!

FOOL.  
THERE IS NO GOOD.  
THERE IS NO EVIL.



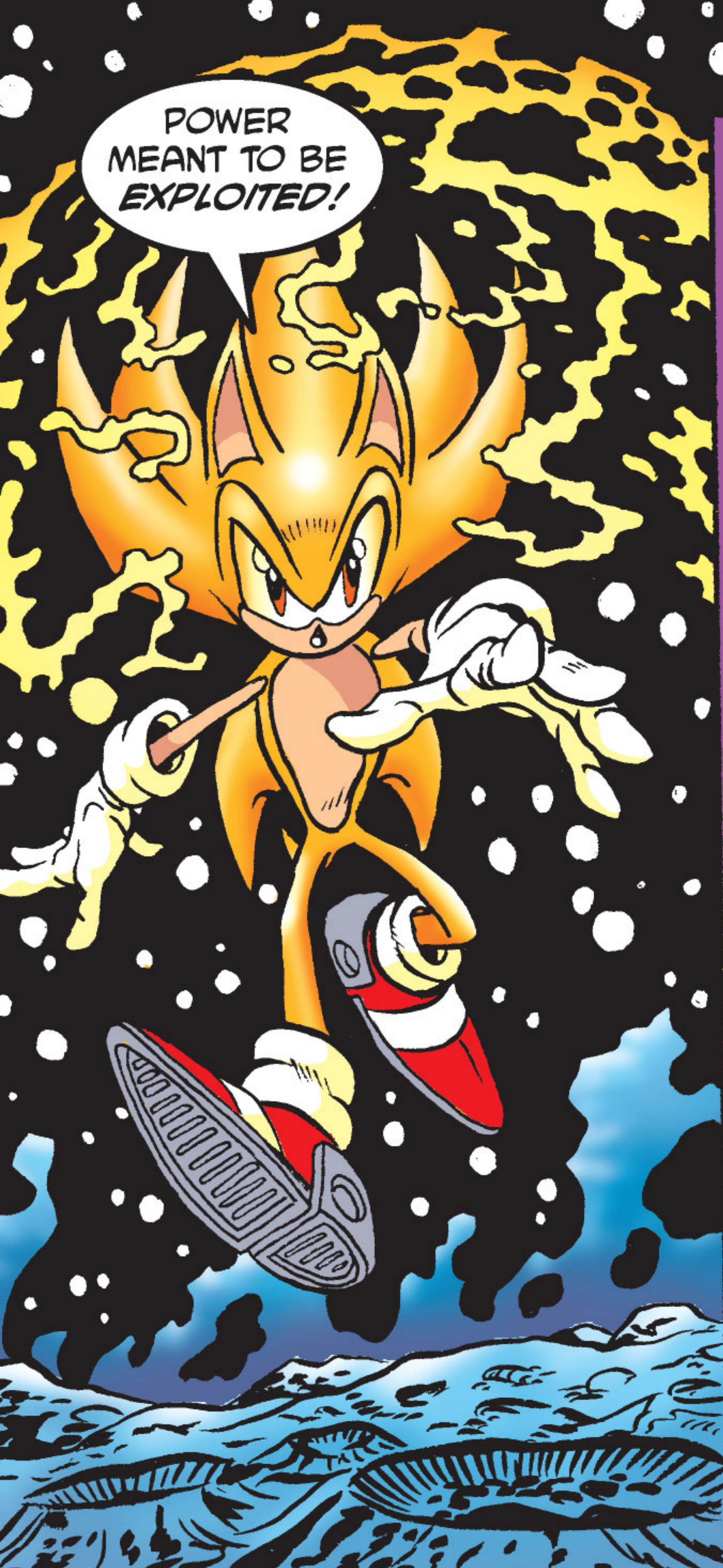
THERE IS ONLY  
POWER.

YOW!

WHAT A  
GROUCH.

SH-ZAKT

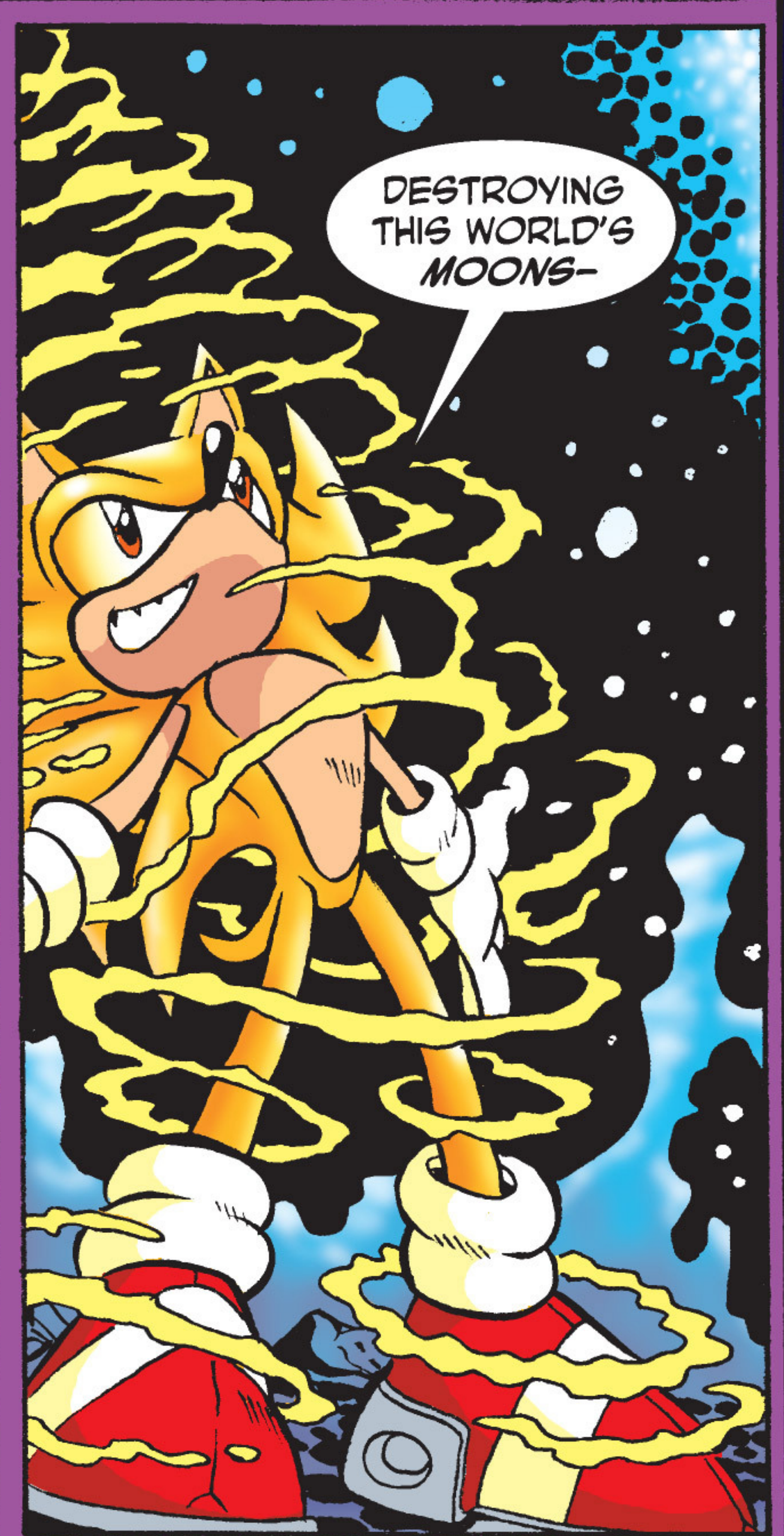




POWER MEANT TO BE EXPLOITED!



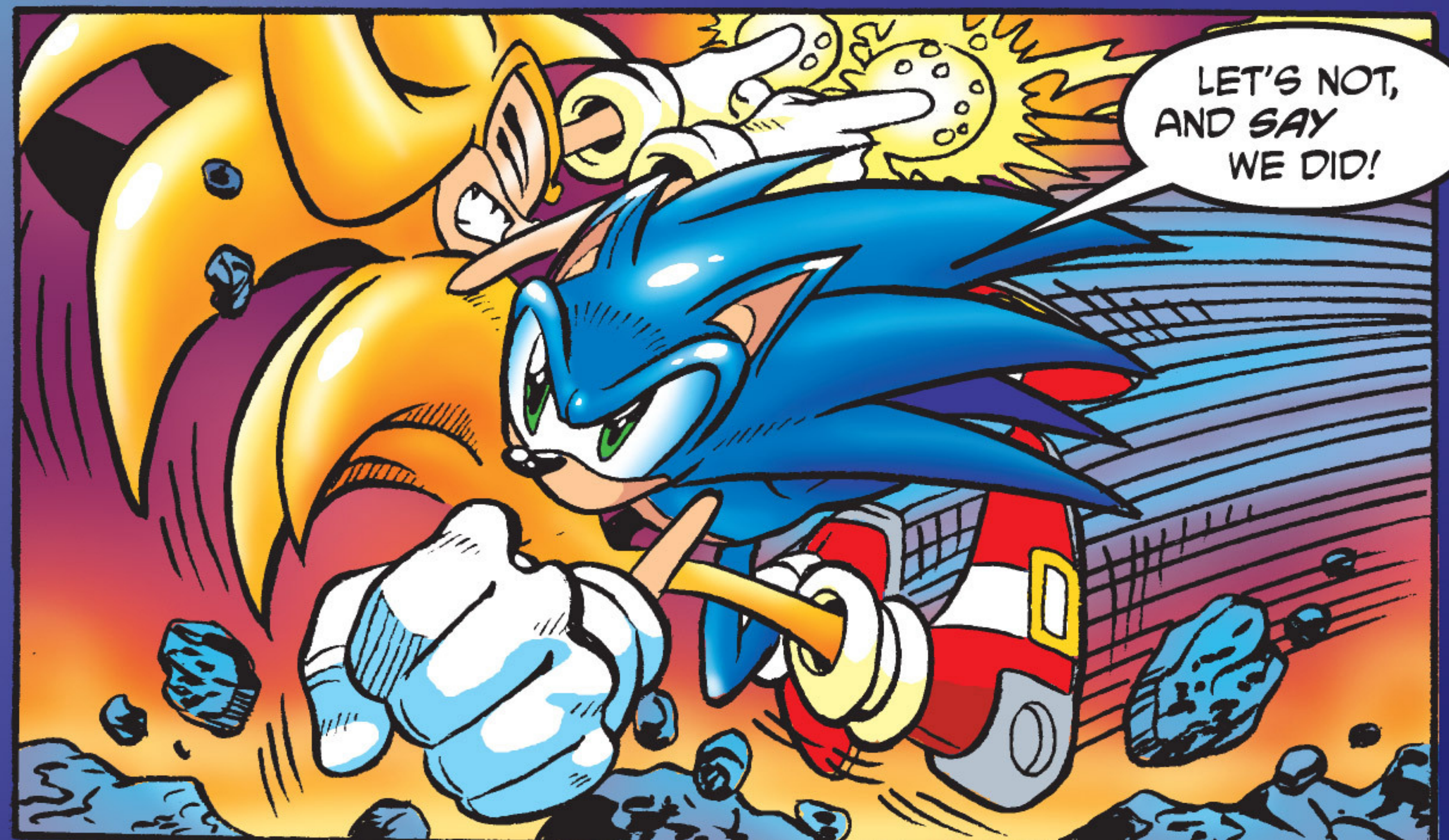
AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO THAT.



DESTROYING THIS WORLD'S MOONS-



-IS SURE TO JUMP START GLOBAL CHAOS!



LET'S NOT, AND SAY WE DID!

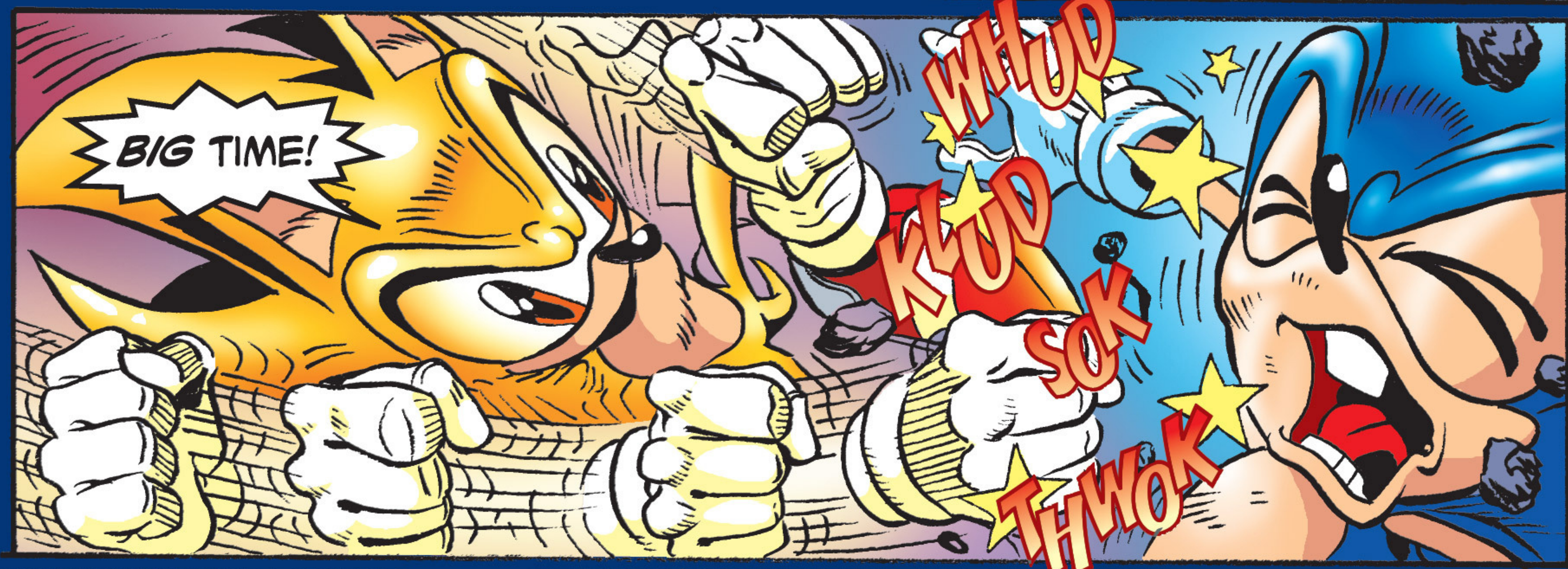


"CURSE YOU--"



-YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT!

THOON



BIG TIME!

WHUD  
KLUD  
SOK  
THWOK



NOW, I'M READY TO PUT YOU OUT OF MY MISERY ONCE AND FOR-



NO!! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!

IT SEEMS THAT ON PLANET THORAXIA, AS WELL AS ON SONIC'S NATIVE MOBIUS-



-SUPER SONIC'S EXISTENCE IS A TEMPORARY ONE AT BEST!

SEE YA, WOULDN'T WANNA BE YA!



THAT'S A SIDE OF ME I NEVER WANNA FACE AGAIN!

"TOSSED IN SPACE" CONTINUES NEXT MONTH!

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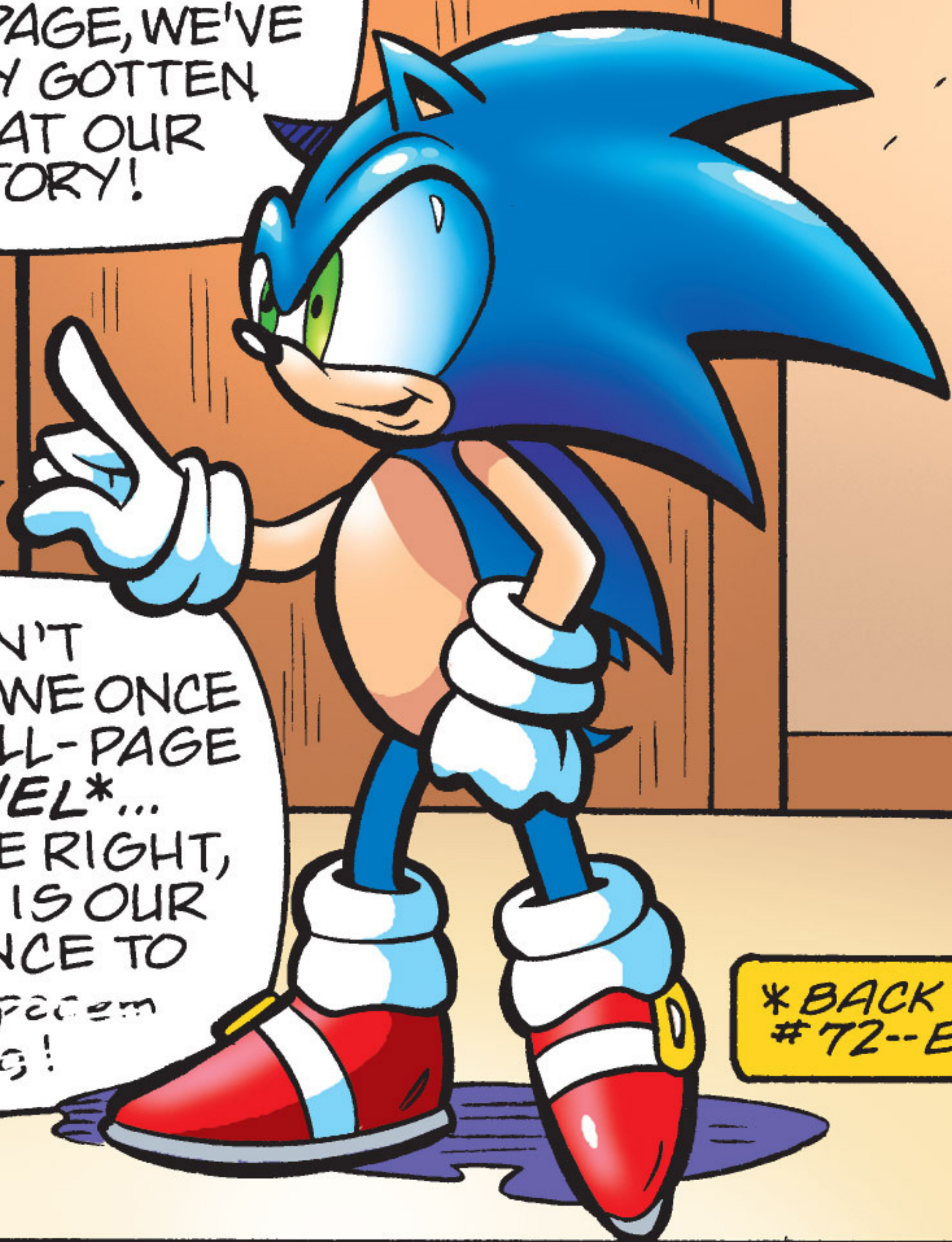


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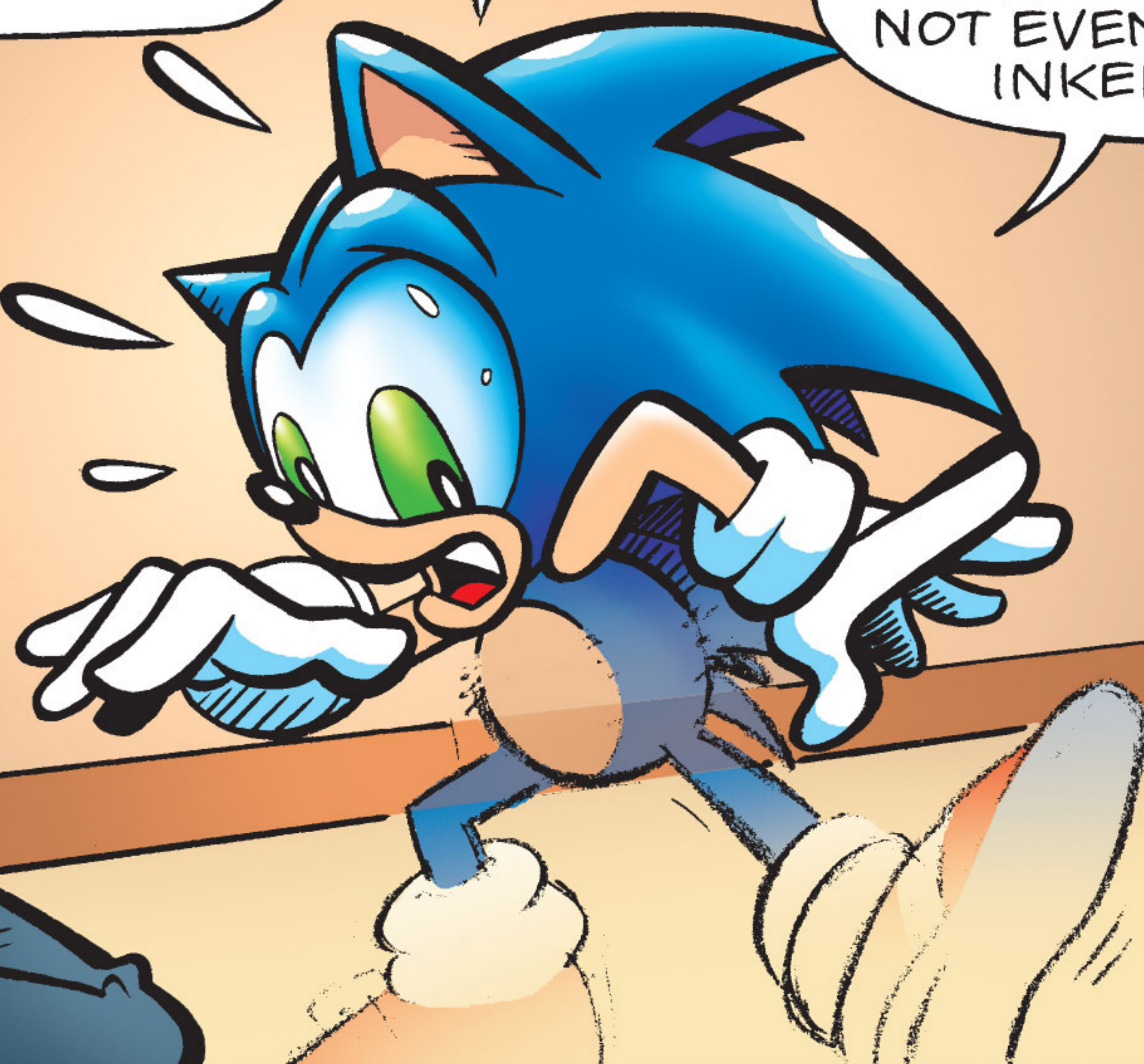
CHECK IT OUT! AFTER YEARS OF OUR CONFINED LITTLE CARTOON STRIP ON THE LETTERS PAGE, WE'VE FINALLY GOTTEN A SHOT AT OUR OWN STORY!

DON'T FORGET, WE ONCE HAD A FULL-PAGE **OFF-PANEL\***... BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, JG-- THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE TO *gub! ngl spacem bexig hifg!*

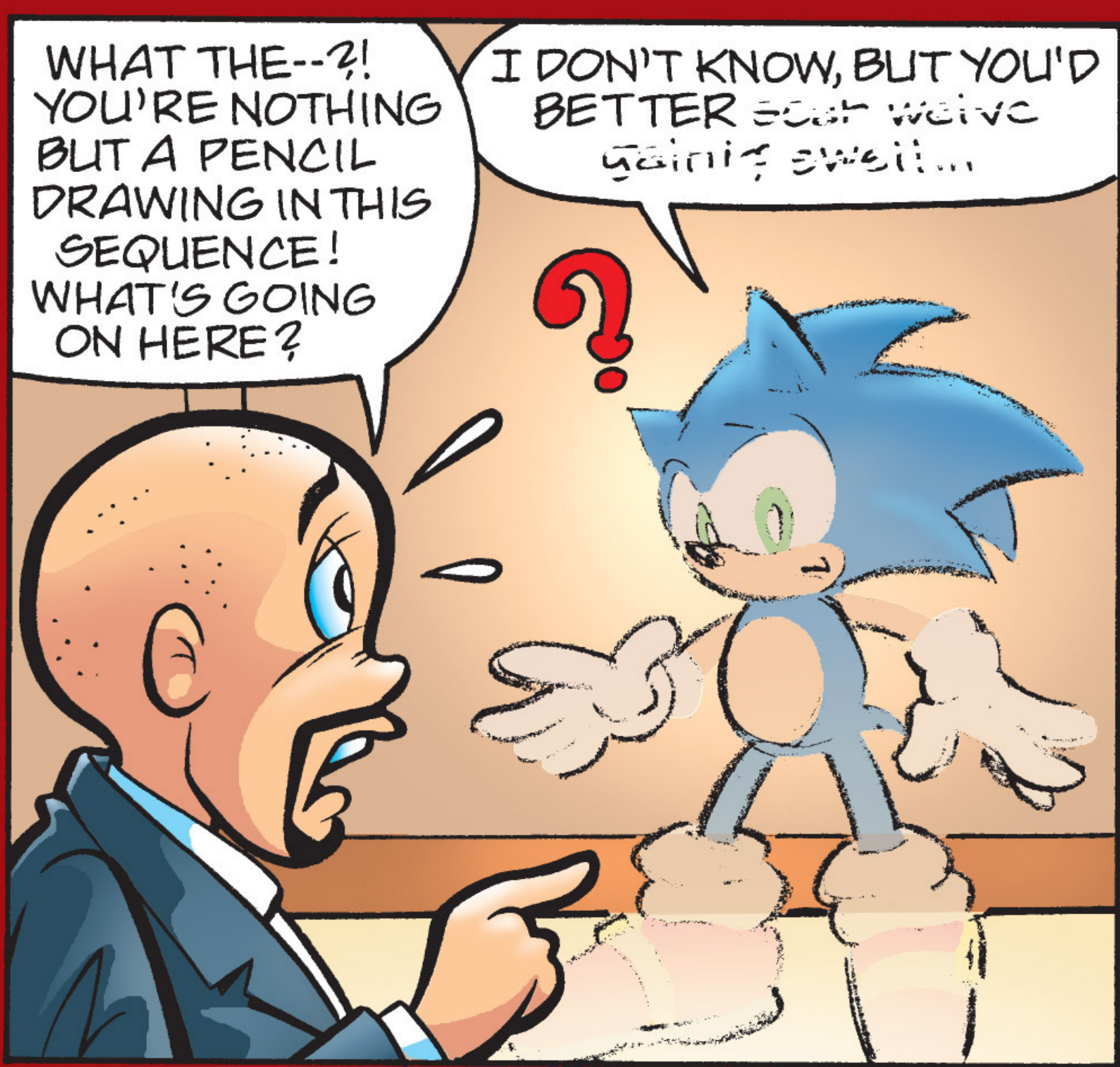


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WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR WORD BALLOON? THE LETTERING SEEMED TO FADE AWAY IN MID-CLOCK, SWARM ELV! MGT!

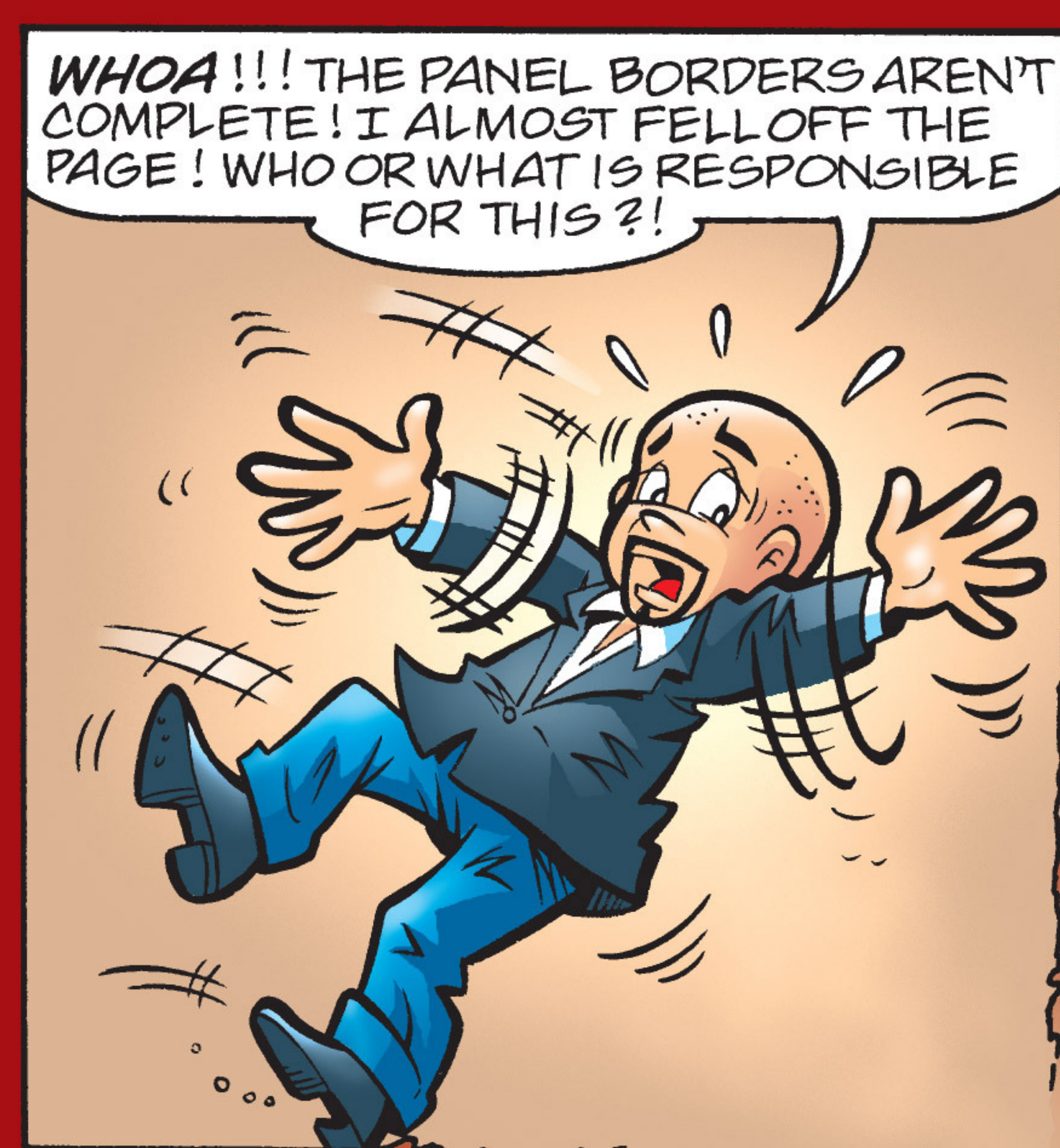


THAT'S NOTHING! LOOK AT THIS-- I'M NOT EVEN FULLY INKED!

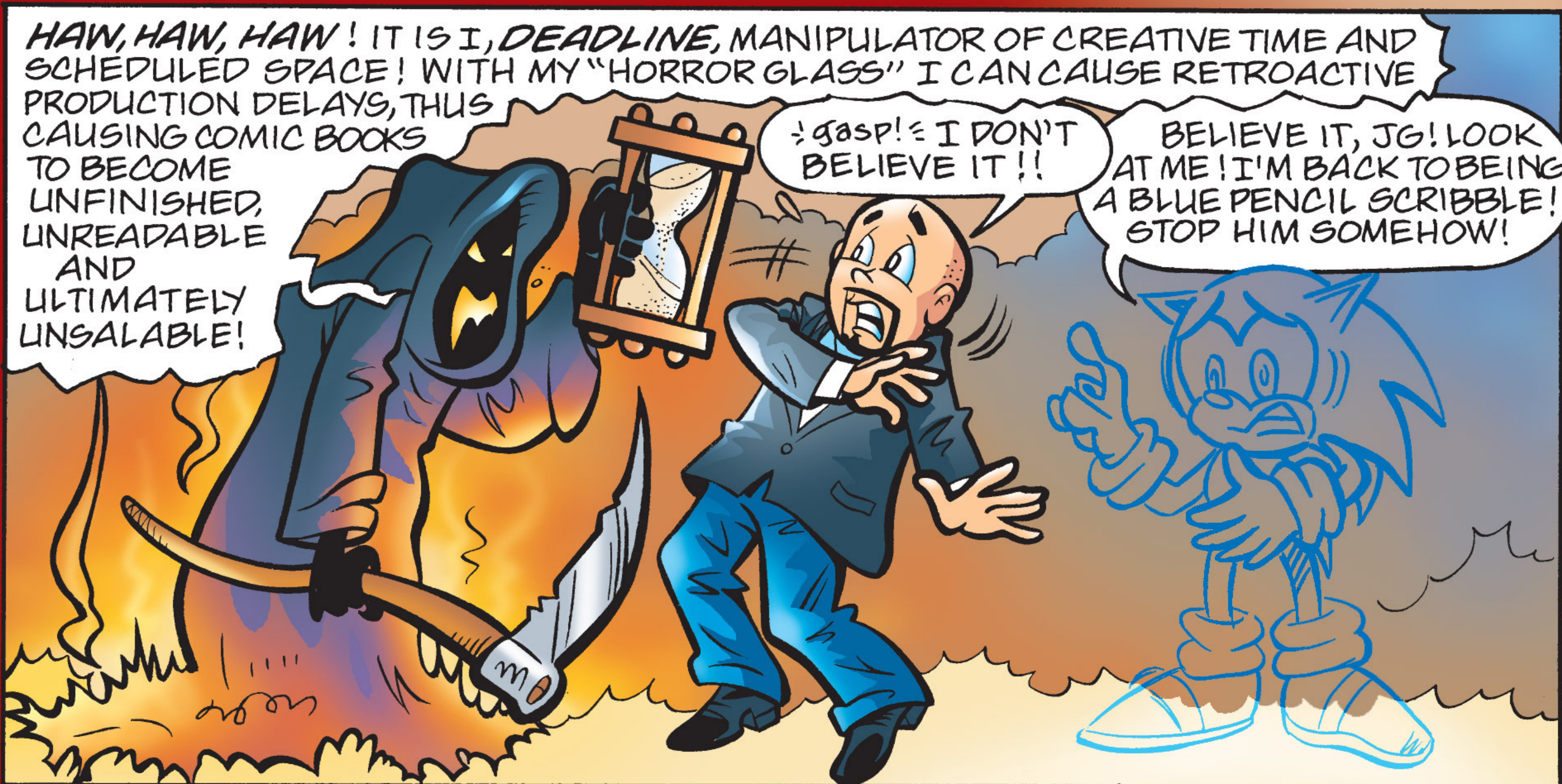


WHAT THE--?! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PENCIL DRAWING IN THIS SEQUENCE! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT YOU'D BETTER STOP WE'VE GAINING WEIGHT!



WHOA!!! THE PANEL BORDERS AREN'T COMPLETE! I ALMOST FELL OFF THE PAGE! WHO OR WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?!



**HAW, HAW, HAW!** IT IS I, **DEADLINE**, MANIPULATOR OF CREATIVE TIME AND SCHEDULED SPACE! WITH MY "HORROR GLASS" I CAN CAUSE RETROACTIVE PRODUCTION DELAYS, THUS CAUSING COMIC BOOKS TO BECOME UNFINISHED, UNREADABLE AND ULTIMATELY UNSALABLE!

!gasp! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!

BELIEVE IT, JG! LOOK AT ME! I'M BACK TO BEING A BLUE PENCIL SCRIBBLE! STOP HIM SOMEHOW!

FOOLS! YOU CAN'T STOP ME! TO PROVE IT, I SHALL DEVOLVE YOU EVEN FURTHER BACK--TO THE POINT WHEN THIS STORY WAS MERELY A PROPOSED IDEA SUBMITTED AS A SYNOPSIS!

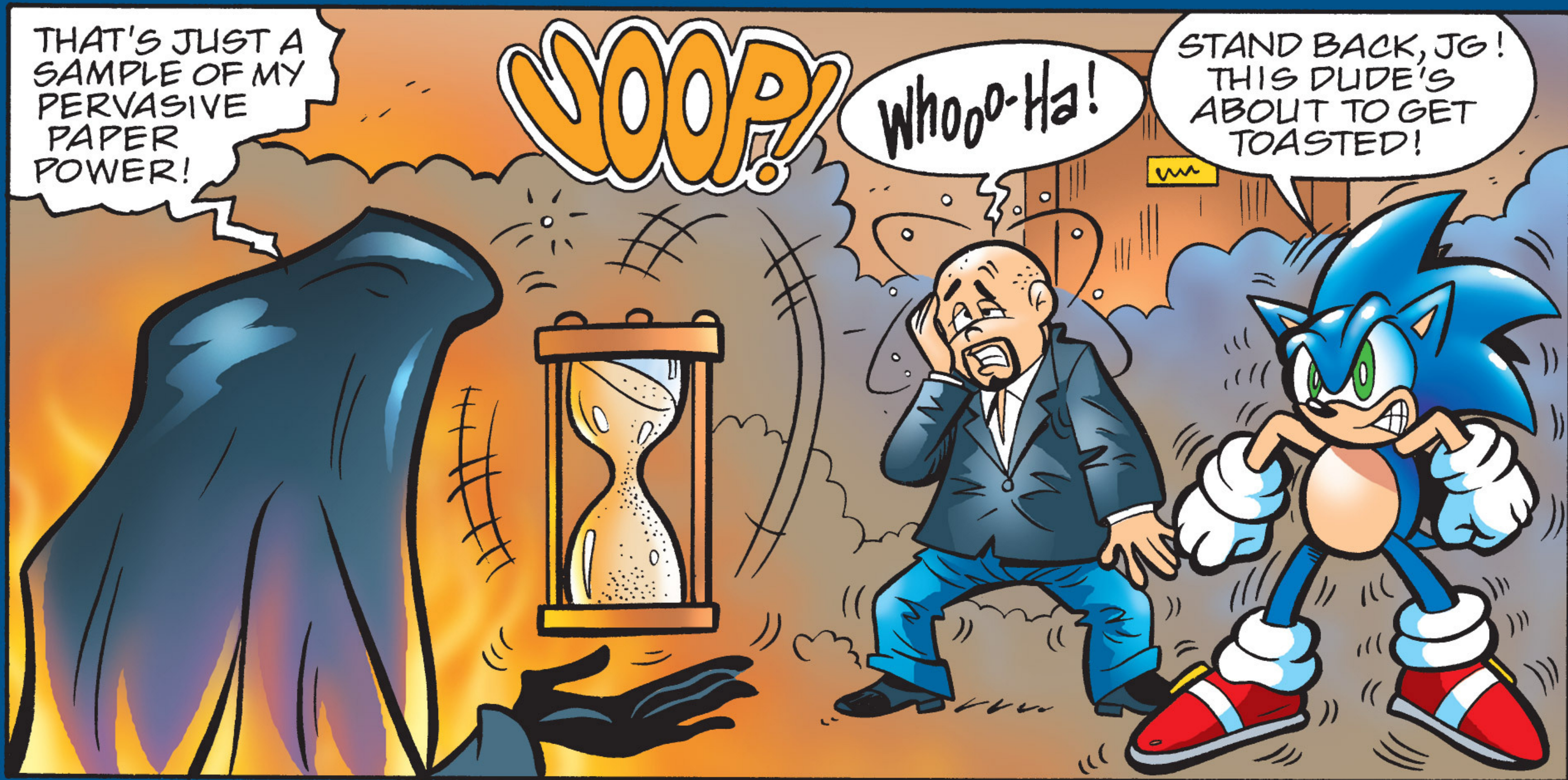
**ZOING!**

FROM THE DESK OF MIKE GALL

**JUSTIN:** Here's my idea for the OFF-PANEL five pager: it opens with you and Sonic looking at the logo in the LLHC of the title page and being excited about having a whole OFF-PANEL story. But strange things began happening... the lettering in word balloons is incomplete, figures aren't thoroughly inked, panel borders are unfinished, etc. Then the villain appears. His name is **DEADLINE** and he has the power to manipulate.

*Mike*



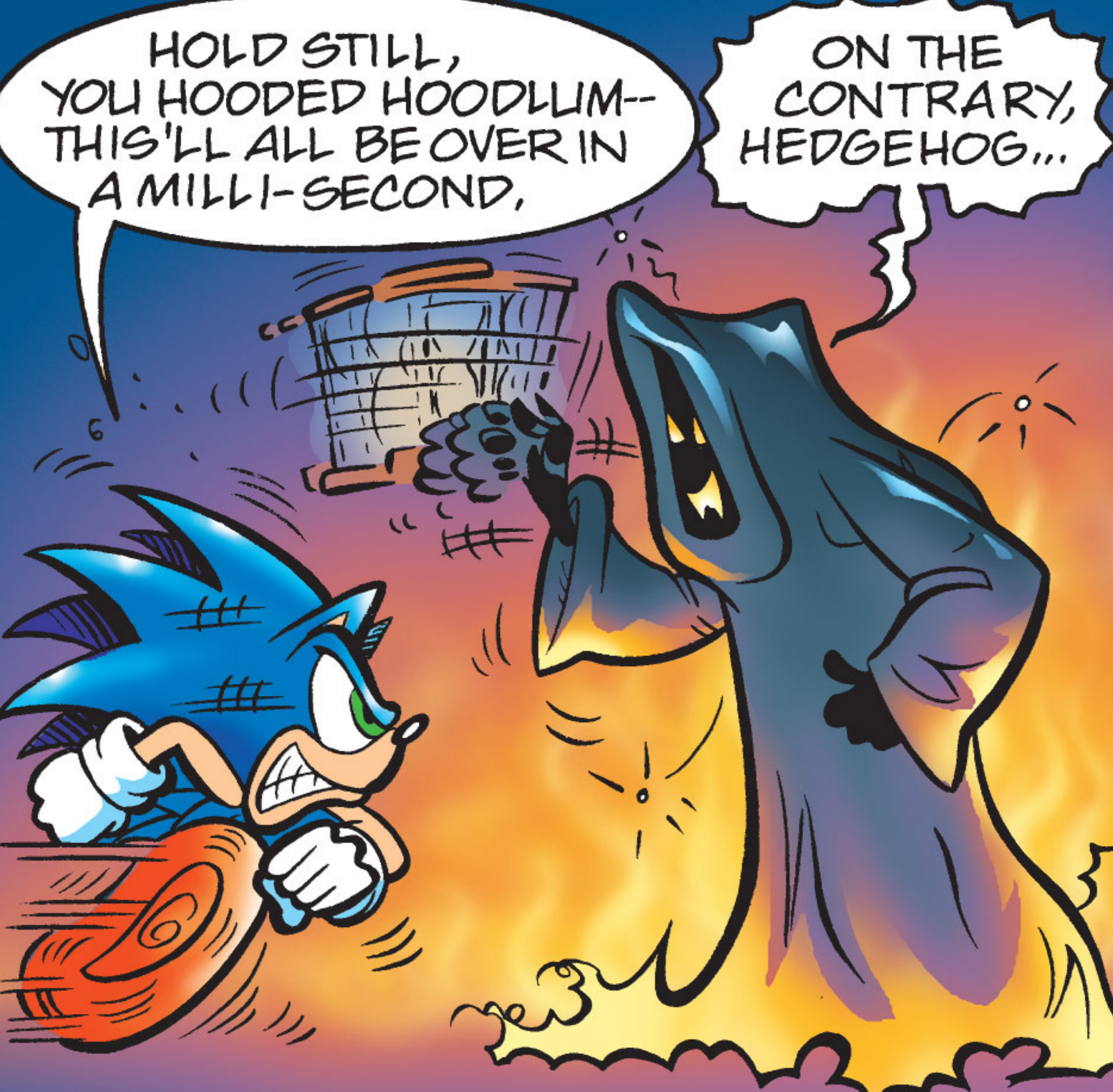


THAT'S JUST A SAMPLE OF MY PERVASIVE PAPER POWER!

**VOOP!**

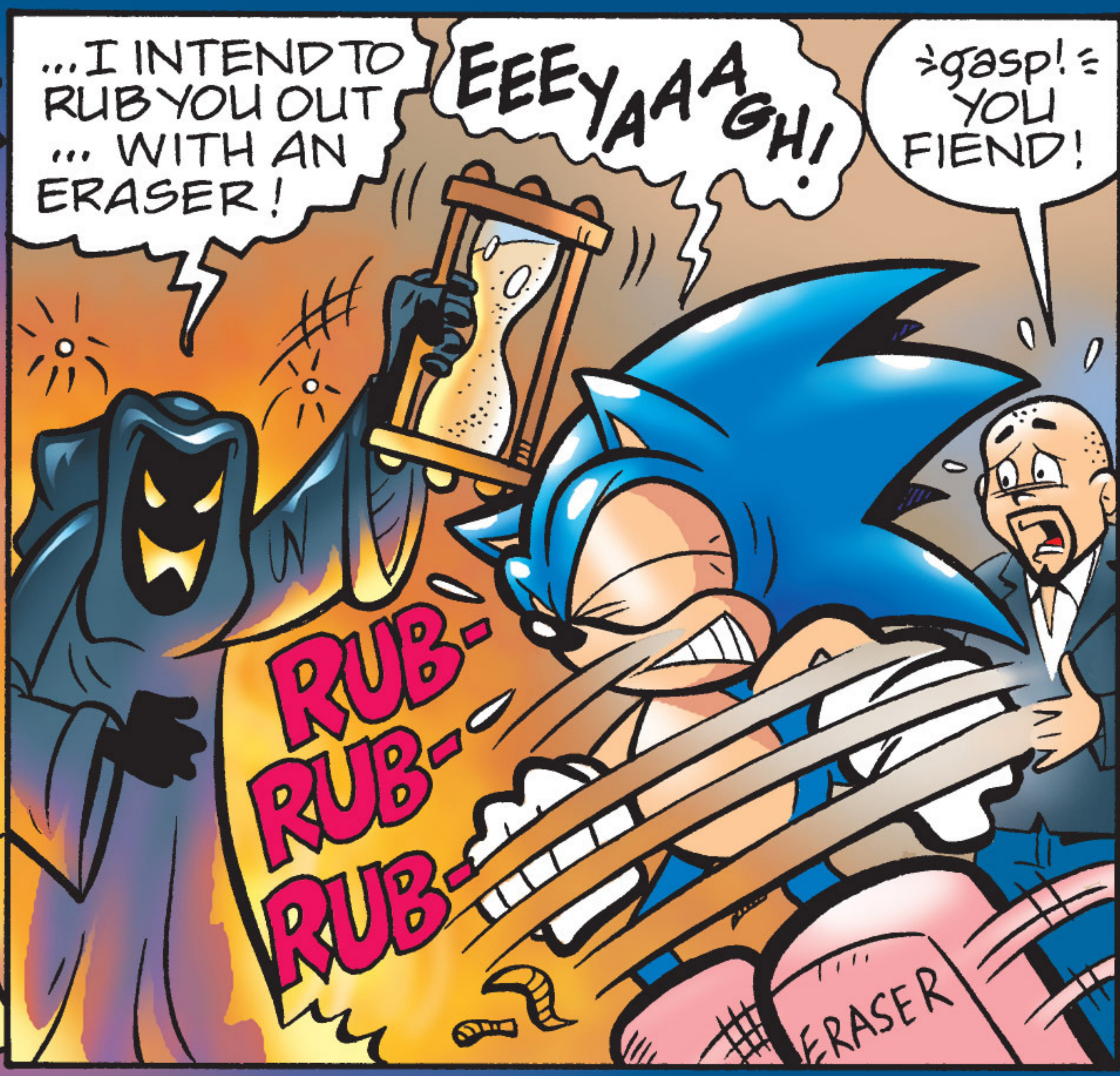
Whoop-Ha!

STAND BACK, JG! THIS DUDE'S ABOUT TO GET TOASTED!



HOLD STILL, YOU HOODED HOODLUM-- THIS'LL ALL BE OVER IN A MILLI-SECOND,

ON THE CONTRARY, HEDGEHOG...



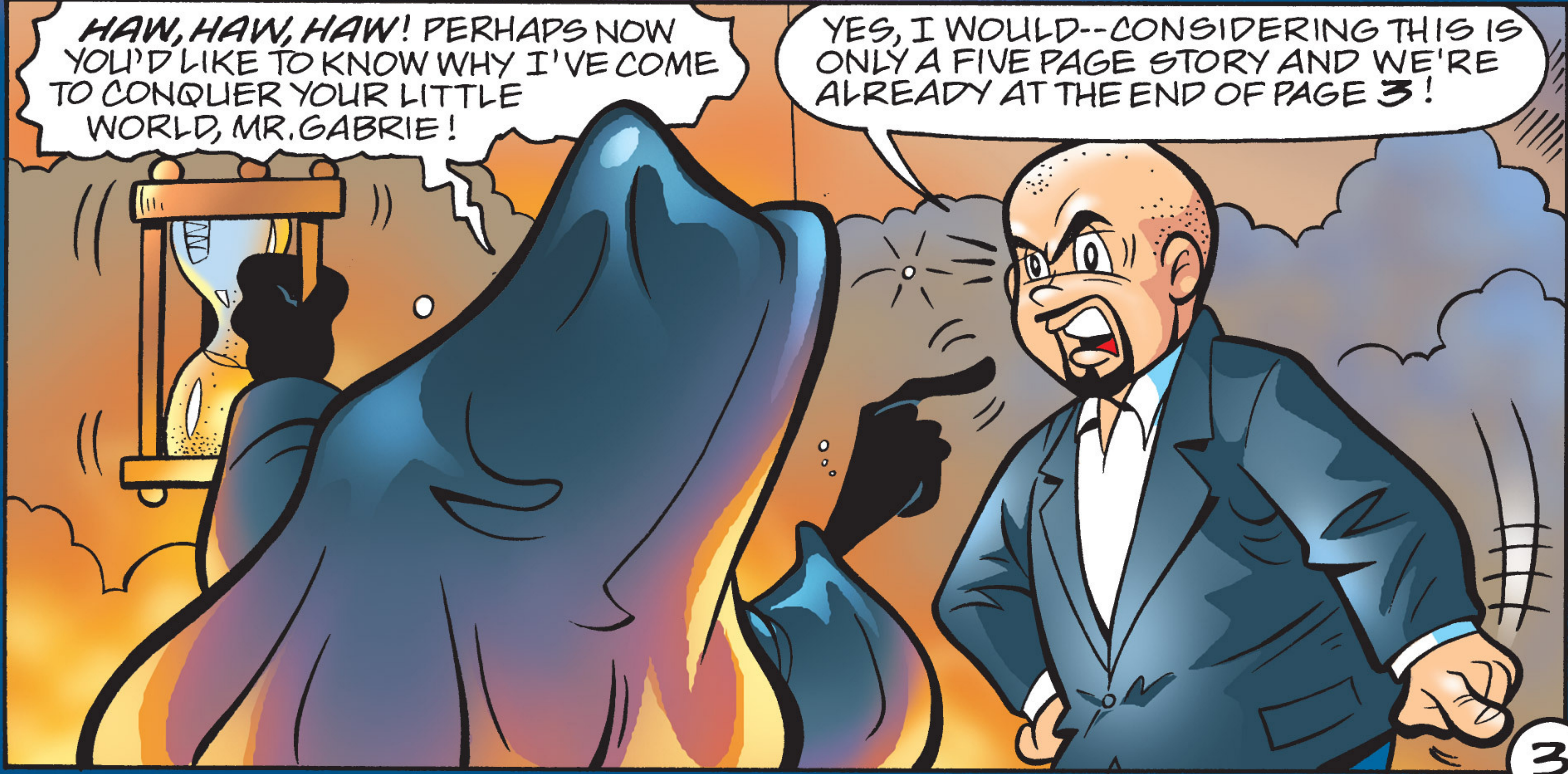
...I INTEND TO RUB YOU OUT ... WITH AN ERASER!

**EEYAAA GH!**

gasp! YOU FIEND!

**RUB- RUB- RUB-**

ERASER



**HAW, HAW, HAW!** PERHAPS NOW YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY I'VE COME TO CONQUER YOUR LITTLE WORLD, MR. GABRIE!

YES, I WOULD--CONSIDERING THIS IS ONLY A FIVE PAGE STORY AND WE'RE ALREADY AT THE END OF PAGE 3!

FOR YEARS NOW, I'VE BEEN SENDING YOU IDEAS AND DRAWINGS FOR STORIES IN YOUR COMICS... SONIC, KNUCKLES, SUPER SPECIALS, MINI-SERIES, ONE-SHOTS, GUEST APPEARANCES, CROSS-OVERS, NEW HEROES AND VILLAINS... BUT DID YOU EVER RESPOND?

**NO!!**

WAS THAT YOU? THE CLOWN WHO'S ALWAYS MAILING ME SUBMISSIONS WRITTEN IN CRAYON ON TORN CARDBOARD? YOU NEVER INCLUDE A RETURN ADDRESS! IT'S ARCHIE'S POLICY... IN FACT, ALL COMIC BOOK COMPANIES POLICY-- TO TRASH ANYTHING THAT COMES IN LIKE THAT... IT'S COMMON POLICY!



YOU DARE CALL MY CONCEPTS COMMON!?!? THE BRILLIANT PLOT WHERE MAMMOTH MOGUL JOINS THE FLEA CIRCUS?



MY TWELVE PART BACK-UP ADVENTURE WHEN KNUCKLES DISCOVERS HIS REAL FATHER IS ELVIS?!?



THE SIX-ISSUE SERIES WHEREIN ROBOTNIK DANCES WHILE KNOTHOLE BURNS!?!?

THOSE ARE AWFUL IDEAS! I CAN'T THINK OF ONE SONIC CREATOR THAT I'VE DEALT WITH OVER THE YEARS WHO'D BE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON SUCH DRIVEL!



AHA! THAT'S THE CLUE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR TO DEFEAT YOU, DEADLINE... CREATIVE INPUT!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I STILL HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY ORIGIN AND THE DISCOVERY OF MY HORROR-GLASS!



SORRY, PAL--YOUR TIME IS UP! I'M EDITOR OF THIS FEATURE AND WHAT I SAY GOES!

≡ulp!≡ N-NEVER! I WON'T RELINQUISH CONTROL!

